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- Tried to hide phone while police searched his home

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making a career as professional jazz musicians. Bartlett read music at St Peter's College, Oxford, specialising in composition and musical analysis as well as directing the Oxford University Jazz Orchestra. Based in London since 2004, he completed an MA in jazz performance at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, studying with Simon Purcell, John Taylor and Pete Churchill. He was awarded the Archer Scholarship at Trinity College of Music in 2005 and was pianist for the National Youth Jazz Orchestra from 2005-2008.

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Family says council needs to be 'sympathetic' to bereaved

Authority says it will look into wording of benefits stoppage letter sent to widow

By Charlotte Page

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THE FAMILY of an 87-year-old widow says Harlow Council needs to be "more sympathetic" towards people suffering a bereavement after they were sent a letter saying her husband's benefits had stopped before she had buried him.

Bert Luther, 88, who was receiving disability living allowance, was rushed to hospital on Saturday (May 19).

He unexpectedly passed away three days later on Tuesday, May 22.

On May 31, his widow Renee Luther, who was married to Mr Luther for almost 70 years, received a letter from the council saying that their housing and council tax support had been stopped, despite the family already informing all the correct people – including the benefits office.

Income

The money was Mr and Mrs Luther's main source of income.

The family say they were upset by the tone of the letter which reads: "Please accept my condolences for the sad loss of Mr Albert Luther."

"I appreciate that this must be a very distressing time for you and I hope that I do not cause you any further anguish, but I have to advise you that your housing and council tax support has ended on May 28, 2018, and that you will need to re-apply."

One of Mr and Mrs Luther's daughters, Tracy Allen, 53, believes that there is a more sympathetic way of handling such a sensitive situation.

"It said 'we're very sorry to hear you've lost your husband' and then it says 'we don't wish to cause you more distress but we've stopped all your benefits'," said Tracy.

"How the hell does that not cause you more distress?"



Bert and Renee Luther

"Don't get me wrong I understand that of course, my dad's benefits were going to stop, but my argument is that they knew he was dead so it wasn't as if they were just sending out a standard letter."

The couple's oldest daughter phoned Harlow Council about the letter, which arrived at the same time as a bill for the rent and council tax.

She said the council told her that her mum would need to re-apply.

Tracy continued: "It was actually my sister who phoned the benefits people and said 'look we've had this letter we think it's

absolutely disgraceful' – what is she supposed to do?

"And they said 'tell her to apply online'. My sister said my mum is 87 years old, she can't do that and they went 'well can't you do it for her?' My sister is actually 70 – I can't do it either."

"Surely there is a softer way for the benefits department to approach this and that is my argument."

"Whether it's a standard letter they send out or what – I think it's horrendous that they send that out before you've even buried the person that you've lost."

"They need to change the way they contact people and be more



Bert and Renee Luther, pictured in their younger days



Dear Mrs Luther,

Cancellation of Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support

Please accept my condolences for the sad loss of Mr Albert Luther. I appreciate that this must be a very distressing time for you and I hope that it does not cause you any further anguish, but I have to advise you that your Housing and Council Tax Support has ended on 28.05.2018 and that you will need to re-apply.

Please contact this office on the number above to arrange an appointment with a Benefits Officer who will help you to complete a form. Alternatively you can visit our website at www.harlow.gov.uk/benefits.

The letter received from the benefits office which caused so much distress

sympathetic because that's the last thing you need when you've lost someone you've spent the last 70 years with.

"I just think the initial letter could have been 'we're very sorry to hear you've lost your husband, when you're ready can you please contact us' – something like that."

Ms Allen, who also wrote to Harlow MP Robert Halfon to raise the issue, said that someone from the benefits department visited their house and praised them after helping the family to understand what her mum was entitled to.

Harlow Council has since ap-

ologised for any distress caused by the letter and says it will review its wording to see if any amendments can be made.

A spokesman from Harlow Council said: "We are sorry that the timing of this letter caused extra distress to the resident and the family at a very difficult time."

"Unfortunately it is a legal requirement to send notification letters when a housing benefit claim has been cancelled."

"However, we are taking the family's complaint seriously and we will be reviewing our letters to see if any amendments can be made to the wording."

"Following a notification of a death we have to advise people in writing about any changes to their benefits."

"We do this as sensitively as we can and we always offer an appointment service with an officer who will help to make a new claim."

"As an alternative option new claims can also be made online."

"We know that not everyone has access to online services so when an appointment with an officer is requested this is arranged as soon as possible and any new claim paid once all relevant information has been obtained."

Town loses pub as Drinker Moth shuts

A POPULAR Harlow pub has closed after almost 50 years.

The Drinker Moth, which opened in 1970, was jointly operated by Trumans and McMullens – however it closed its doors for the final time earlier this month.

Pictures of the pub situated on Ployters Road show its windows and doors boarded up with metal sheets.

The secretary of Herts & Essex Borders CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale), Graham Darby, said: "The close of the Drinker Moth will deprive local residents of a popular amenity."

"With its closure this leaves the nearest pub as The Herald (Broadley Road, Summers) as the nearest pub – approximately a 20 minute walk away."

Mr Darby added that the closure adds to a "growing toll" of Harlow pubs closing of



The Drinker Moth

which include The Humming Bird in Elm Hatch and the Chequers in Commside Road – both of which have been demolished.

CAMRA has recently welcomed Historic England's decision to list five new-post war pubs and is calling for more pubs that have been in communities for more than 50

years and play a unique role in Britain's history and culture to be protected.

The campaign highlights three of the very best intact surviving pubs that were recently turned down for listing due to restrictive criteria being applied, including The White Admiral in Harlow, which was opened in 1953.

"However, many other pubs designed in this period have fallen by the wayside simply because their architecture reflects austerity and functionality, rather than grandeur and theatrics."

"This means that some fantastic intact survivals from

this period risk being lost forever, along with a whole cultural era that is now seriously under-represented in the national heritage listings."

CAMRA has received backing by the Twentieth Century Society in calling for wider recognition of post-war pubs.

Tess Pinto, senior conservation adviser at the society, added: "We are always delighted to see good C20 (20th century) buildings listed but are concerned that the small number of post-war pubs designated today doesn't give a full enough picture."

"The news reinforces our ongoing concern about the application of highly selective criteria for the listing of all buildings of the post-1945 period – despite the fact that many within this category are now well over 50 years old."

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Man seriously injured in fight outside social club

Paringdon Sports and Social Club



A man has sustained serious injuries following a large fight outside a sports and social club in Harlow.

Officers were alerted to a disturbance outside the Paringdon Sports and Social Club at 6.25pm on Sunday.

A fight had broken out between a large group of people which resulted in one man suffering serious injuries.

Officers attended and the crowd was dispersed.

Essex Police are appealing for witnesses or anyone who has any footage or photographs to please come forward. People are asked to contact Harlow CID via the non-emergency number 101 and quote crime reference 1132 of June 24.

Alternatively, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Injury after van accident

The van crash just outside of Harlow



A man was rushed to hospital with head and leg injuries following a serious two-vehicle crash in Harlow.

Police and paramedics were called to Church Langley Way, just off the A414, at around 8.30am on Tuesday having received reports of an accident.

On arrival, officers closed the road after discovering a white Iveco van had collided with a tree. Firefighters also attended the incident and worked alongside paramedics to release one casualty from the damaged vehicle.

A spokeswoman from Essex County Fire and Rescue Service said: "Firefighters were called to assist at the scene of a road traffic collision involving two vehicles. One vehicle had left the roadway. Fire crews worked with para-

medics to help release one casualty from the vehicle. The casualty was released by 9am and left in the care of the ambulance service."

One witness said they could see "loads of blue lights", with no traffic able to pass through while officers attended the crash.

An Essex Police spokeswoman has confirmed the van driver, a man in his 40s, was taken to Princess Alexandra Hospital with serious but non-life threatening injuries.

She added: "No one else was injured and no arrests have been made. Enquiries are ongoing."

East of England Ambulance Service have also confirmed the driver was treated at the scene for head and leg injuries before being taken to hospital.

By James Gregory

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A HARLOW pervert who arranged to meet with a 13- and 14-year-old girl for a threesome has been sent to prison for his sick crimes.

David Mills, 43, of Parsonage Leys, messaged two decoy Facebook accounts set up by vigilante group Public Justice PHL in an attempt to arrange a meeting with who he believed were two underage girls.

In a string of vile messages between Mills and the 'girls' in 2015, he spoke about having unprotected sex with both of the girls and how he would look after one of them if she became pregnant as a result.

He even suggested that the girl could live with him if her parents "kicked her out".

He was sentenced at Chelmsford Crown Court on Friday (June 22) to more than three years behind bars for the attempted meeting and three counts of making indecent photos of children which were found on several of his devices.

Mills, who lost his job as a coach driver following his conviction on May 11, was due to meet the 'girls' at Kings Cross station on Saturday, September 5, 2015, but instead took a job taking pensioners to the seaside in Southend.

Police were then alerted to Mills, and a search warrant was executed at his property on September 15 of that year.

He obstructed police from entering his house and tried to hide his phone in a 'desperate'

attempt to stop them from finding any incriminating material on it.

Richard Burrington, prosecuting, at the conclusion of his trial on May 11, told the court how officers had found a Nokia and Microsoft phone on his bedside table, with the Nokia housing an indecent image of a child and a WhatsApp message to a girl under the age of 16.

He answered 'no comment' in police interview later that day, but in subsequent interviews told officers that it was the work of a hacker who was trying to set him up.

During the course of his trial he claimed the indecent images and conversations could have been the work of a man called 'Barry', who he had a disagreement with a few years prior.

Michael Stradling, mitigating for Mills, told the court how some members of his family had not supported him following the outcome of his conviction.

He said: "Some members of his family have been supporting him but not all of them."

"He is in telephone communication with his father and his brother wished him all the best but other members have not supported him and that has had an effect on him personally and caused him distress."

"He is not in a position to be a social person – since his conviction he has been inside his bed sit, not answering the door and not going out."

Messages

A series of sick messages sent from David Mills to the 'girls' showed the true extent of his twisted sexual desires.

In one message, Mills appears to contemplate the prospect of going to prison for his actions if he was caught.

He messaged: "You wouldn't go to prison as long as no one knew you had sex with me – it would be me going to prison and I'm not going to tell anyone."

He continued: "If you did get pregnant I would support you."

"I would meet you each week and give you money and if your parents kicked you out I would have you here living with me."

Mills, who has one previous conviction for indecent exposure in 2000, even spoke about abusing a younger child with one of the supposed teenagers.

Other messages – too graphic to show and report – were also read out in court to the jury during the course of his trial.

A probation report found Mills would pose a risk to society.

Motionless

Mills stood motionless as he was sentenced to immediate custody by Judge David Pugh at Chelmsford Crown Court.

With his shirt untucked, Mills watched on as Judge Pugh said: "I am satisfied that this falls in the top category for harm."

"There was significant planning, grooming and there is a disparity in age."

"I take into account that this was an attempt and there were no real victims to be met."

"The report suggests you pose a high risk of causing harm to children, but I bear in mind that your first offence does not relate to children and these offences are



three years ago and there is no suggestion of reoffending."

He will serve half of his sentence in custody and the remainder out on licence as well as being served with a sexual harm prevention order indefinitely.

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First look at garden town

Exhibitions and drop in events are being held in the coming weeks as developers unveil the first look at what is envisioned for the Harlow and Gilston garden town.

The garden town, more commonly referred to as Gilston Park or Harlow North, is expected to accommodate around 10,000 homes in Hertfordshire, with several thousand more planned in the vicinity over the border into Essex.

Three different locations will be holding exhibitions of the plans as well as drop in sessions, in Harlow, Epping and Gilston.

The garden town vision, which is being put together by East Herts District Council (EHDC), Harlow Council and Epping Forest District Council (EFDC), is also being worked on with both Hertfordshire and Essex County Councils.

The unveiled proposals so far are for the construction of multiple 'villages'

with their own sense of community along with the facilities to service them.

However opponents of the scheme have argued that the construction of a large number of houses in the area would overwhelm the already overstretched Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH) and cause congestion on the A414 and the roads around Gilston.

Figures for the entire site, including the housing contingent in Essex, would equal around seven Sawbridgeworths, a Stop Harlow North activist said.

The garden town scheme is also opposed by the Hertford and Stortford MP, Mark Prisk, but is supported by Harlow's MP, Robert Halfon.

Claire Hamilton, director of Harlow and Gilston Garden Town, said: "We are really excited to share our vision for the Harlow and Gilston Garden Town with you."

two fake facebook account set up by vigilante group



An order for the forfeiture and destruction of his devices was also granted.

The full indictment was:

- Count 1: Attempting to arrange the commission of a child sex offence – 42 months
- Count 2: Attempting to arrange the commission of a child sex offence – 42 months concurrent
- Count 3: Making indecent images – 12 months

concurrent

- Count 4: Making indecent images – 8 months concurrent
- Count 5: Making indecent images – 4 months concurrent

Paedophile David Mills, who was convicted of five counts, covered his face upon leaving Chelmsford Crown Court after a previous hearing

in exhibitions



An artist's impression of the Harlow and Gilston garden town development

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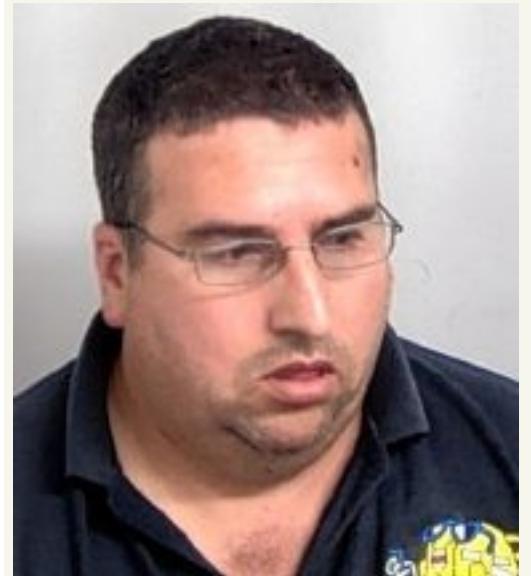
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Group to stop operation in aftermath of sentence



David Mills was sentenced at Chelmsford Crown Court

The vigilante group who were instrumental in bringing Mills to justice have announced they are retiring in the aftermath of his sentence.

Mills was sent down for his atrocious crimes thanks to the good work of Public Justice PHL.

Two members of the group, both survivors of child abuse themselves, had followed the trial in its entirety and were at Mills' sentencing hearing at Chelmsford Crown Court.

The pair explained how this was their 28th, and last, conviction, leaving with a 100 per cent success rate.

Jay – not his real name – said: "David Mills was our last paedophile hunt. We are finishing today on a 100 per cent success rate.

"Every case we have brought forward to the police has ended in a conviction.

"That is something to be proud of. I can now go to bed tonight knowing children are safer away from people like Dave Mills."

The pair ranked Mills' case in their 'top ten' convictions in terms of length of sentence. They said they were happy he had been put away but would

have liked a longer sentence. Jay added: "Sentences need to be a lot harsher."

"I feel they should be close to life sentences because of the impact on the lives on the survivors."

"It is a life sentence for me to live with what happened to me."

JB – also a pseudonym – added: "He is still playing the victim and when you still do that, you do not realise how much of a danger you are to society."

At the conclusion of his trial after guilty verdicts were returned, Jay spoke about his 'disgust' at the messages he was receiving from Mills who believed him to be an underage girl.

He said: "It was the worst we have done in more than three years of doing this."

"It was the first time I was physically sick from reading his messages."

"I had to wake my girlfriend up and ask for a hug because it brought me to tears."

"It made me feel that if he was in a room with children, he would hurt them all."

"He is a risk to the public and children – everyone should know who he is."

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Street party organised in bid to tackle loneliness and remember murdered MP

Families together to enjoy a day of events

FAMILIES came together this weekend at a street party aiming not only to tackle loneliness and isolation – but as part of a nationwide event in memory of murdered MP Jo Cox.

On Saturday (June 23) people were invited to enjoy a day of family fun at the Great Parndon Community Centre, where there was a chance to take part in a cake competition, get up close and personal with some furry friends, enjoy live music and more.

Community

The event was organised by community builder for Rainbow Services Kelly Tarling, who works with organisations to

help alleviate the effects of social exclusion, loneliness and isolation through imaginative projects.

The Great Get Together was therefore brought to the town in partnership with Harlow Council, HTS Property and Environment Ltd., Harlow Playhouse and The Great Parndon Community Association (GPCA).

"It went really well," said Ms Tarling.

"We had a few hundred people come on Saturday to celebrate our community and help to reduce loneliness and isolation."

"We had lots of activities, a cake competition - it was an old fashioned street party.



"Everybody said what a lovely time they had," said Ms Tarling.

While bringing the local community together, the Great Get Together formed part of a bigger celebration inspired by MP Jo Cox who was killed on June 16, 2016.

People up and down the country gathered on the weekend which would have been her birthday (June 22) to celebrate

her philosophy that: "We are far more united and have far more in common than that which divides us."

Pictures from the day showed the event had brought together people of a range of ages for a day in the sunshine.

Despite the fun day proving a huge success, Ms Tarling said that the team still strive make it "bigger and better next year".



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McDonald's branch set for major refurbishment



A HARLOW McDonald's will close for around six weeks for a major refurbishment – including a digital revamp and dining area doubled in size.

The branch at The Oaks Retail Park is the last of the franchisee's eight restaurants to undergo the digital conversion.

Customers will be able to order at self-service kiosks where nutritional information will be available and table service will be possible.

There will also be a click and collect service and a mobile app.

Extension

Other improvements include an extension of the restaurant by expanding into the adjoining unit, which remains vacant following the closure of Carphone Warehouse. The dining area will double in size, as well as additional outside seating for people who wish to dine al fresco.

A new folded roof and

entrance doors hope to "reinvent the older look" and bring it up-to-date and "freshen-up" the exterior facades of the building, according to the planning application.

The drive-through route will remain the same and although the development will see the loss of four parking bays, the provision of parking is considered sufficient.

Franchisee Tony Fagg said: "I'm looking forward to being able to bring my new restaurant to Harlow and would like to thank our local customers for bearing with us while the transformation is taking place.

"I'm confident the new store will offer visitors to the restaurant more choice as to how they order and am particularly excited to introduce the click and collect app to my customers."

The branch will close on Friday, August 13, and reopen on Tuesday, September 25.

Games area opens in time for the holidays

Town council chair shoots some hoops at facility launch



By Charlotte Page

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A NEW multi-use games area ideal for tennis, football and basketball has opened in Harlow in time for the summer holidays.

The games area, located next to Great Parndon Community Association – near Staple Tye – was opened by chairman of Harlow Council Maggie Hulcoop on Saturday in a ceremony that saw her take to the court and shoot some hoops herself.

The new facility replaces the former tennis courts and features line markings for football, basketball and tennis, as well as floodlights and rebound fencing that comprises of built-in goals and basketball hoops.

It is hoped that the area will help bring the community closer together.

Councillor Eugenie Harvey,

Council chairman Maggie Hulcoop shoots some hoops at the new multi-use games area in Staple Tye

Photo: MARTINE XERRI

Portfolio Holder for Community and Wellbeing, said: "This brand new multi-use games area is part of the new Lister House Medical Centre development and replaces the old tennis courts.

"I am delighted that it is ready in time for the summer holidays and it's great to see it being used already by young people.

"It is free for the community to use and not only will it keep people active but it will also bring the community together.

Opportunities

"We are always looking at ways we can provide new opportunities to improve the health and wellbeing of our local residents."

Harlow Council has also started work to refurbish the multi-use games area next to Nicholls Field Pavilion.

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Launch of project to encourage investment in our uniquely positioned town

Harlow's history needs more keen ambassadors

By Charlotte Page

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AMBITION plans to put Harlow on the map have been unveiled following the launch of a new project called Discover Harlow.

The project, which is seeking ambassadors, is supported by Harlow Council and set to bring together organisations, communities and individuals. By telling the history of the town and embracing its assets, it is hoped that Harlow will become an attractive place in which to invest, study and live.

John Keddie, head of Harlow Place Board, told visitors at the launch event at Harlow Playhouse on Thursday (June 21), that how Harlow's story was comprised of three themes:

■ COLOUR, CULTURE AND SCULPTURE

MANY locals know that Harlow was designed by Sir Frederick Gibberd and is home to 84 sculptures by the likes of Henry Moore and Barbara Hepworth – making it the UK's first sculpture town.

The project plans to embrace the town's artwork

because "art inspires people and inspired people do their best work," according to Mr Keddie.

The meeting heard from chairman of Harlow Arts Trust Chris Snow, who is an architect with a small practice in East London.

He grew up just outside of Harlow and went to school and college in the town. Mr Snow said he has hopes to bring both local art and the sculpture collection to the forefront, as well as improving access to artwork – particularly among the young.

Harlow has been seen to have a passion for art with the spring art competition seeing an increasing number of entries year on year.

Similarly, other cultural assets being celebrated include the music, dance and theatre at Harlow Playhouse, as well as the Gibberd Gallery and Pardon Mill as the "hub of creativity".

Mr Snow described Harlow as "rich in the arts for a small town" and an "arts destination with huge potential".

With this in mind, it is hoped that creative people will opt to live and study the arts in Harlow as opposed to in the likes of Barking and Dagenham.

This would bring people from North and East London to Harlow – just as the new town did when people moved to the town to flee the war.

■ THE SCIENCE OF CHANGE

HARLOW is described as having "science and innovation in its DNA" with it being the birthplace of optic fibre. Similarly, it will soon welcome the relocation of Public Health England, which will be situated near to Harlow Enterprise Zone, and will see a £450 million investment by the public sector. The Enterprise Zone may create up to 5,000 new jobs.

Head of community engagement for Public Health England Michael Beard said: "I don't think there's an area where change is being felt more than in Harlow."

He said that Harlow as a location was "really high up there when we were choosing" due to its London-Stansted-Cambridge corridor allowing for flexibility to accommodate its partners.

"[We have] strong links with a number of universities [and are] already talking with Harlow College. The path has already been laid but we want to widen and lengthen that," he said.

■ LIFESTYLE: LOCAL AND LONDON

Harlow hopes to offer an escape from an "over-



heating and unaffordable" London with its affordable homes, transformation to the likes of the town centre and Gilston Garden Town.

It is also home to educational facilities including Harlow College, Anglia Ruskin University, Harlow Town Park, Pets' Corner, Harlow Rugby Club and more – all adding to the vibrant local lifestyle.

Rob Wilkinson, managing director of Partnerships Countryside, said: "What we do is create fantastic places by going into areas that need regeneration and come up with a vision of what we can achieve there.

Easy

"It is dead easy with Harlow, we don't need to talk about the things we're going to bring – they're here already."

He encouraged residents to "shout about all the great things Harlow has," before adding that the quality of life in Harlow is fantastic and it is a thriving place with "amazing individuals".

Similarly, he added that the town spirit stems from links to London whereby its origins are rooted within residents and businesses.

Other speakers included Councillor Eugenie Harvey, who has lived in town for around 12 years.

She described the project as a "once in a generation opportunity for Harlow" and the chance for "dynamic change".

Speaking last was director of Thinking Place John Till, who explained how his team had helped to transform Coventry and Warwickshire by embracing its innovation and technology – which was unknown to its residents.

Both Carole Hudson and Sharon Summerfield have been appointed Harlow Place brand managers and will now work with businesses, organisations and the community in creating the town's future.

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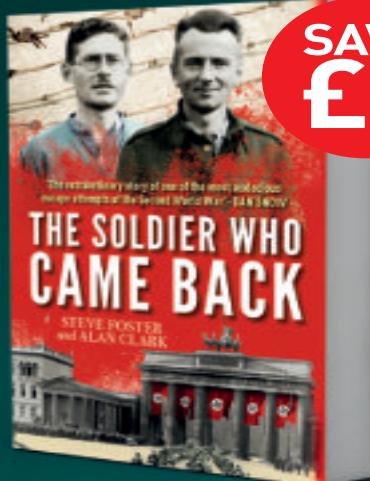
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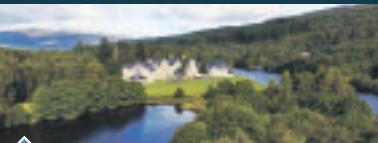
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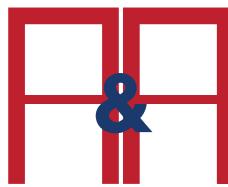
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Police hunt for trio who attacked a bike rider

A CYCLIST was punched and kicked in the head in a late night attack in Harlow.

The victim, a man in his 20s, was riding his bike along Pinceybrook Road at around 11pm on Wednesday, May 23, when a silver car pulled up near him and three men got out.

The men then threatened the victim before punching him, knocking him to the ground. He was then kicked in the head.

The suspects drove off and the victim cycled home with swelling to his face, throat and head and bruising.

A spokesperson from Essex Police said: "The first man is described as a white, in his late teens, of an average build, with short blonde hair, 5ft 7ins and wore a white short sleeve shirt and light coloured tracksuit bottoms.

"The second man is described as a white, late teens, short brown hair, 5ft 10ins and of a slim build. He wore a long sleeved t-shirt with black arms and a white body, jeans and trainers. The third man is described as a white, aged in his late teens, around 6ft, of slim build and wore dark clothing and dark hoodie.

"Anyone with information is asked to call Harlow CID on 101 quoting crime reference 42/72419/18 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

Scheme to build 14 new council homes approved

Local authority reveals sites where new properties will be created

By Charlotte Page
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PLANS to build 14 new council homes in Harlow have been approved as part of a new housing programme that includes building on derelict garage land.

Over the next year, Harlow Council will be supplying 11 new council homes and refurbishment in Summers Farm Close, Partidge Court, Hare Street Springs and Collins Meadow after a further housing programme was approved and plans shown in a cabinet meeting on Thursday (June 14).

An additional three council homes, subject to planning permission, will be built on a derelict garage site in Readings.

Similarly, the project offers the potential to build around 80 new homes over the next three years using derelict garage sites across the town.

All homes will be built by council-owned company HTS Property and Environment Ltd.

Harlow Council has also agreed to set up a company to undertake housing and regeneration projects with aims to help the council gain more benefit for local res-



Hare Street Springs will see new homes built under the programme

idents from opportunities such as the London-Stansted-Cambridge corridor, the Harlow and Gilston Garden Town project and the Local Development Plan.

The council says this gives them the opportunity to lead and control these types of developments to directly benefit more local people.

When were the last council homes built?

The last time council homes

were built was in 2014/15 – when 18 two-bedroom homes were provided using three former garage sites.

All homes were allocated to local people who were on the Harlow housing needs register.

The council is continuing to work with developers to provide new affordable homes for rent, which are being allocated to local people who are on the housing needs register.

As part of phase one of the Atelier development in Staple Tye, 33 homes have so far been allocated to people on the register – with a further 133 being allocated in the same way during phases two and three.

The regeneration of Elm Hatch, which is subject to planning permission, includes five homes for people on the register.

At least 30 per cent of the

homes that form part of the proposal to redevelop the former Lister House site will be affordable homes if the project is granted approval.

Leader of Harlow Council Mark Ingall added: "We want these 14 new council homes to be built for local people by HTS Property & Environment Ltd.

"It's a win-win situation for all. Setting up HTS has been a real success story for Harlow, generating money from its commercial activities which come back to the council rather than go in the pockets of shareholders.

"Building homes for Harlow is another benefit of what HTS can do for our town.

"Alongside this would be another council-owned company under the HTS banner, which will drive forward regeneration and housing projects helping to ensure that there are more council-led developments in future.

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Dealer who took control of addict's home jailed

A "RUTHLESS" drug dealer who took over the home of an addict and used young boys to sell drugs in Harlow has been jailed for nearly seven years.

Neil Anderson, 28, of Paradise Park, Hackney was jailed for six years eight months for exploiting vulnerable people to help him supply heroin and crack cocaine.

The dealer first came to the attention of the West Operation Raptor team in October 2017.

Anderson would use young boys to act as his 'runners' selling and distributing drugs and would also use those with drug addictions for the same purpose, the court heard.

Property

He also took over the property of a drug addict in Waltham Abbey and used their home as a drug dealing base – a practice known as 'cuckooing'.

However officers from the West Operation Raptor team began a lengthy investigation into Anderson which culminated in a number of raids.

On April 23 this year the team executed a warrant at Anderson's partner's address in Harlow where they found Anderson and also seized £3,000 worth of crack and heroin.

A number of mobile phones were also recovered which were forensically examined and found to contain damning evidence linking Anderson to the supply of Class A drugs.

Warrants were also executed at Anderson's home in Hackney, East London where drug paraphernalia and crack cocaine



Neil Anderson, 28, of Paradise Park, Hackney

were seized and the property in Waltham Abbey where more paraphernalia was also found.

After pleading guilty to two counts of possession of a Class A drug with intent to supply and two counts of being concerned in the supply of Class A drugs, Anderson was jailed for six years eight months at Chelmsford Crown Court on Tuesday, June 19.

Following the sentencing investigating officer, PC Jack Etheridge of the West Operation Raptor said: "Our investigation into Anderson left us in no doubt that he was head of the county line he was operating in Harlow and Waltham Abbey.

"He ruthlessly exploited young boys and those with drug addictions, preying on their vulnerability in order to get them to sell crack and heroin on the streets of our community."

Homeless shelter plan gets funding

Government vows £260k to pay for short-term homes

By Charlotte Page
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PLANS to transform disused Harlow Council properties into short-term homes for rough sleepers will go ahead after a funding bid was granted by the Government.

Harlow Council will receive £260,500 for 2018/19 as part of a targeted Government £30 million fund following an application made at the end of May.

The money will be used on a number of measures in a bid to help reduce the number of rough sleepers – which has steadily been rising year on year since 2010 – ahead of the winter period.

Recorded

There were seven rough sleepers recorded in Harlow in 2010, however the last count in November 2017 recorded more than three times that, with a total of 24.

During the severe weather earlier this year, Harlow's emergency provision was activated three times and supported up to 36 people sleeping rough.

Two derelict council houses next door to one another will therefore be refurbished and used as supported accommodation



Rough sleeping can be an isolated existence

with the support of the Government.

It will not be the former Occasio House, which offered support for young homeless people in the town centre, as this is not owned by Harlow Council.

Funds will also go towards additional outreach workers and support to help homeless people get back into settled accommodation.

Portfolio holder for housing Councillor Mark Wilkinson said: "It is great news that our plans

will get the funding needed.

"It means, working with Streets2Homes, we can implement all the measures we propose to support the different needs of different rough sleepers.

"These measures aim to give local rough sleepers the support they need leading up to and including the next winter period.

"Behind every rough sleeper's story there are usually many different circumstances and complex situations.

"We know that rough sleepers

need more than just a place to live – that is the first solution for many – but it's the specialist support and help over the long term which is equally important.

"Sadly, some people choose to sleep rough and reject support; overcoming these barriers is all part of the project.

"We will work closely with the Government, monitoring how these measures work and looking at ways beyond next year that the right support can remain with the funding it needs."

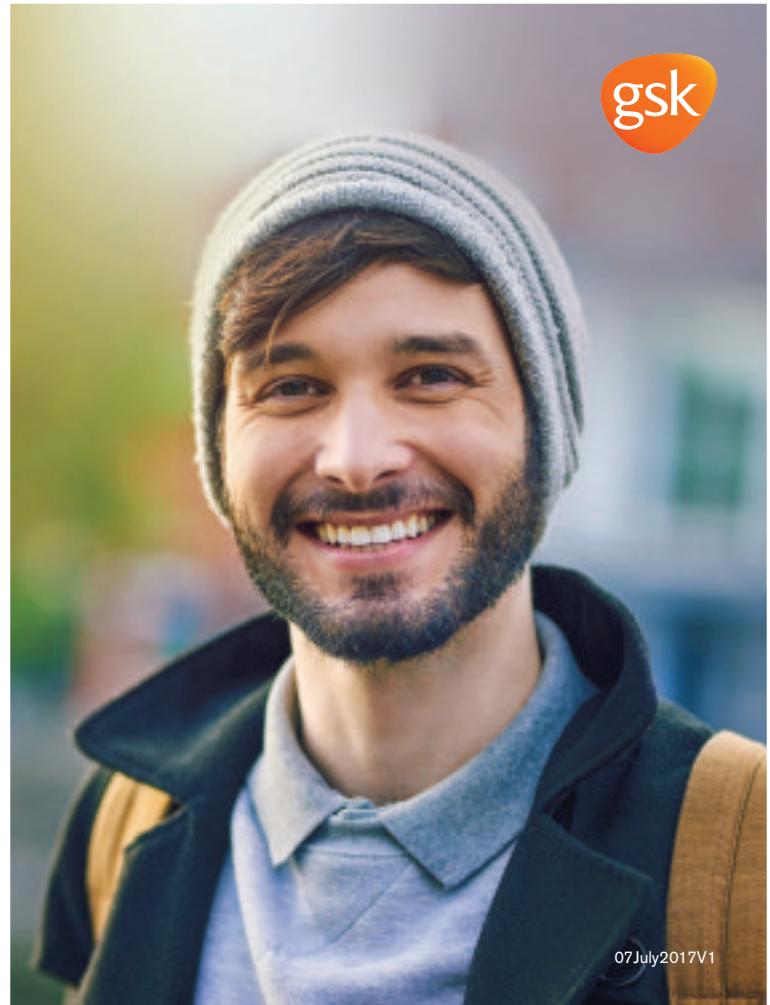
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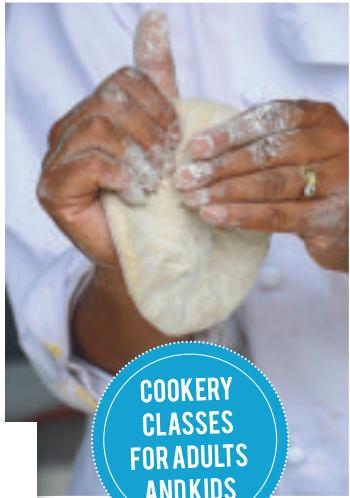
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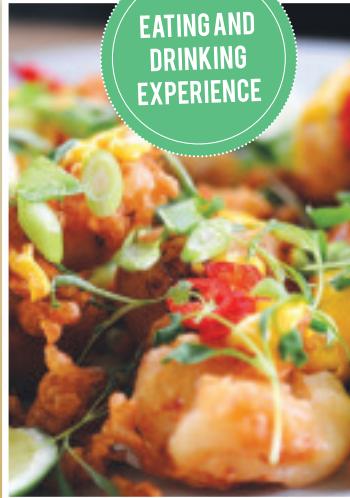
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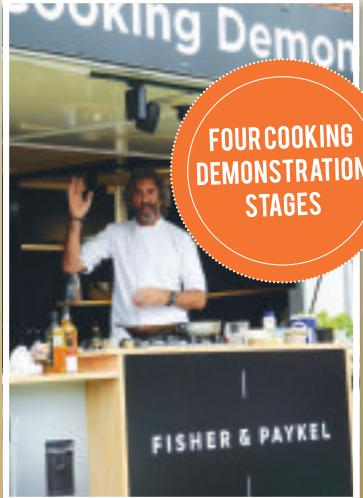
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County call for parishes to help out with funds

PARISH councils with large pots of cash are expected to have to start contributing to projects paid for with Essex County Council grants.

ECC currently spends around £10.7 million on 262 organisations.

But the county council knows that in relation to community initiative funding, in particular, a number of parish councils have a disproportionate amount in reserve. Now for the first time their accounts are expected to be scrutinised before any grant funding is given and those with large reserves may have to match funding before grants are allocated.

Kirsty O'Callaghan, head of Strengthening Communities, while giving evidence at ECC's corporate policy and scrutiny committee, said: "That is what I'd be recommending and I'd want that to be looked at in terms of the decision making of awarding any grant."

"It is fair that we challenge, and if they have substantial sums of money sitting in their account at least they could be match funding that we are investing into their community. For some charitable organisations that come forward where they have a substantial amount of money in unrestricted reserves I would want to see them investing in a project with us."

"That is why I have rewritten the CIF guidance and the criteria to reflect that and hopefully that will make things a little bit more efficient and make our money go further in the future."

Funding

She added: "We need to be proportionate but we need to make the most out of our funding."

Stephen Saunders, chairman of Kelvedon Hatch Parish Council, said: "The discretionary account which is supposed to compensate for the fact that although we in Kelvedon Hatch are council tax payers we don't get all the facilities that someone who lives in the middle of Brentwood does. And we have just had it taken away over time to where we don't get it. We are effectively our own business we receive our income primarily from the precept."

He added: "The fact is the system we have now restricts what we would like to do and what we can do. If you can't afford it you can't have the funding."

"They are putting the full burden of any improvements we try to do as a parish council onto the people who live in the parish."

"I find dealing with county extremely frustrating. It's the bain of our life. I don't understand the mentality of local government. Effectively they want parish councils to be there and do their work for nothing and get little in reward apart from what we do ourselves."

Alan Kingsford, chairman of Herongate Parish Council, said: "I'd be happy to sit down to hear what they mean by substantial, what projects they have in mind and we'll take it from there."

Springfield Parish Council chairwoman Susan Sullivan said: "We have as a parish been successful with grant aid, like any parish we have to open our books up, the county can certainly see our records, if they wish to change their process, they change their process and we have to fit in whatever their new requirements are."

NEUROTIC STEVE DREWETT: 'I see us as a relevant band, still Punk legends prove angry, political and under-rehearsed songs still have the power to inspire'

By Martin Neal

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WHEN Newtown Neurotics frontman Steve Drewett was asked if he fancied reforming the legendary Harlow punk band after 16 years of inactivity he was convinced it was a terrible idea.

But once it was pointed out that being raw and under-prepared on stage was one of the most punk things it's possible to do, he soon changed his mind.

Sure enough audiences found the left-wing rabble rousers' anti-establishment attitude as relevant now as it was first time around.

Now with a documentary about the group's rise, fall and rise again in production and a new album in the pipeline, the streetwise trio look set to keep going for years to come.

"When I first started playing I was in my 20s and it helped to define my personality - I was trying to find myself," explained Steve, whose forthcoming schedule includes a hometown gig at Phoenix Live in Westgate, Harlow, on July 27. "What I was about, I didn't know. I was a late bloomer. I was a young man trying to find out what I wanted to do."

Wanted

"What I was about, I didn't know. I was a late bloomer. I was a young man trying to find out what I wanted to do."

"There was a point in 1988 when I didn't do it for 17 years. I did other stuff. But since the Neurotics have been back I have embraced it as a full creative outlet, just as it was before."

With songs like Kick Out the Tories and Living With Unemployment, the Neurotics spoke for a disaffected generation before they split. And when they came back, the political landscape was pretty similar, making them just as relevant today.

"The environment is hostile towards music making - but punk bands have always needed very little to express themselves, and it's not so much about having an unbelievable career and getting signed as people wanting to get into the community side of things and putting on a gig."

"If you want to have a voice you can use social media - and then get a million people having a go at you. But making music is a way of getting your voice heard too and punk bands don't need expensive equipment so it can be done more cheaply."

"As far as the future of punk is concerned, a lot of things are going on which have affected the way we make music. We've lost a

The Newtown Neurotics, from left to right Adam Smith, Simon Lomond and Steve Drewett



"The environment is hostile towards music making - but punk bands have always needed very little to express themselves"

Steve Drewett

lot of small venues and people haven't got the money to spend on music. We've also seen the emergence of downloading and streaming.

"And there's the benefits system. A lot of musicians would claim benefits while they were getting their bands off the ground and as a result there were a lot of famous bands from Britain - they had benefits to rely on, but that isn't the case now."

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"The internet can help you get music out there and it's all low cost."

So while the political landscape may be similar, the technological and cultural shifts are enormous. When the Neurotics split in 1988 nobody wanted to know about punk any more and Steve went off and did all the things he'd missed on through playing in the band, such as travelling and raising a family.

"As my daughter was growing up, she saw videos of me playing live and listened to my music and I wanted her to see me play live," said Steve.

Closer

That came a step closer when he was asked to put the band back together for a reunion gig 14 years ago.

"On November 8, 2004 a double CD set called The Stortbeat Collective was launched at The Square in Harlow," said Steve. "The collection was put together by a guy called Gordon Wilkins, which celebrated the music scene in Harlow during the 80s and included two rare tracks from the Neurotics."

"Gordon suggested that, on the night of its launch, taking place at

The Square, some of the people and bands from that era would perform once again for a laugh, and that it would be good if the Neurotics reformed and appeared with them.

"I was dead set against doing this as I said that I didn't want to go through all the rehearsals that would be needed to bring the band back up to scratch, especially with the knowledge that it would all be for just one gig. We had no intention at that point in reforming permanently."

"Then Gordon sealed it by saying that every band on the evening will sound rough and ready as none of them have played for 15 to 20 years and in a way it would be appropriate, because back in the day we were all learning our instruments and experimenting, if now, we sound shaky it will be more in tune with the old days than a polished performance, it would basically be punk rock."

"I then found that I could not disagree with that analysis and so I succumbed and it was in that spirit that The Neurotics agreed to bash out a few numbers without any rehearsal some 16 years after they last played."

"However, it was sold to me to be a laugh but on the night the band was told they would be finishing off the evening, that the gig was being filmed and then as all the other acts turned out great sets, we realised just how much of a laugh this had not turned out to

be, this had now become serious and there was a danger of making an arse of themselves."

"Of the five numbers played on the night, only one had all three members of the band performing. Colin (Dredd) hadn't played any bass for 16 years and Blitzkreig Bop seemed the easiest song for him to remember. The other songs had Don, a friend of Simon (Lomond, the band's drummer) playing bass, he had listened to our songs via CD, doing a final listen in a car outside just before taking the stage with us, and I had only met him for the first time that very afternoon. This really was going to be very punk rock, as much a risk of it all falling apart as the earliest gigs of the band way in 1978."

Since then the Neurotics have continued to gather momentum. "Now we are playing to more people than we did in the 80s, we're better paid and we've been to some unbelievable places," said Steve. "I've had so many fantastic experiences that for me it would have been a tragedy if I hadn't got back into it."

"I see us as a relevant band, still carrying that banner crying out for change and moving forward."

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carrying that banner crying out for change and moving forward'



The Square at Harlow

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Out! being made about us, from when we formed to where we are now and the political changes that have gone on in that time, and we're writing new material so there's no question of us being just a revivalist band."

A new album is being worked on and will hopefully be out next year. The Neurotics expanded their sound greatly prior to their break-up, with the addition of horns and slower beats – so where will they pick up from?

"That's a good question," admitted Steve, "although I'm not sure I know the answer. The

music for the album is coming along really well, but how it will sound in the end is hard to say because it's still forming.

"It's a bit like looking at an embryo – although it's more formed than that – and not knowing what animal it is. I've got a sound in my head and it's changing all the time as we go along.

"We've been offered a record but I don't know how much we'll get so I don't know how much we can throw at it. I'm not looking at horns at the moment though, I'm thinking 'let's make it powerful using the three-piece'."

That three-piece comprises Steve on guitars and vocals, Adam Smith on bass and Simon Lomond on drums – Smith filling the gap left by Colin Dredd who died in 2015.

"No Colin Dredd has fundamentally changed the sound so we are looking at a different way of approaching the backing vocals and how it affects the band," revealed Steve.

"We're trying to bend the traditional punk rock format. People might have to bend a little bit with it, but they will be rewarded when they listen to it. I believe the core

of the band will carry us through."

Each of the band members has his own commitments alongside the Neurotics so live performances aren't a regular thing. However with a spot on the annual Rebellion punkfest in Blackpool this summer, the Harlow trio have chosen a hometown show at Phoenix Live on July 27 as a warm-up.

"We're also playing in Camden on the evening of Trump's visit on July 13," Steve pointed out. "So we are trying to get people down to London to protest, then maybe

grab a bite to eat and come and let some steam by seeing us play live.

"Then it's Harlow. Despite not having the fantastic Square any more, this intimate venue is a great little place. We go from there to the massive Empress Ballroom in Blackpool, so there will be a big difference.

"I'm really excited about the Neurotics playing in Harlow. Our last gig in the town was the last gig ever at The Square. I really, really miss The Square but this is an opportunity for us to enjoy music in the town centre again.

Venue

"This venue can be a lot of things and one of them is a springboard for bands to get going."

■ Tickets for the Newtown Neurotics' gig at Phoenix Live are available, priced £5 from www.wegottickets.com/black-wax-support comes from UnPunkt, the new acoustic punk duo featuring Nigel Clark, lead singer of Britpop stars Dodgy. A lifelong punk fan, Nigel cited the Neurotics as an influence for the track Back Of You on the band's 2012 comeback album. Musical punk poetry duo Cherry & Peesh will also be performing.

Web guru helps target cash for first aiders

ESSEX County Council says the successful recruitment of 160 mental health first aiders following the death of a young girl in South Woodham Ferrers shows the power of social media as it bids to spend more than £10 million in grants more effectively.

Essex County Council is working with Jon Morter – credited with sending Rage against the Machine to number 1 in the charts – to help map every single place-based Facebook group in the county to better understand who those influencers are.

The council spends about £10.7m a year on grant funding – supporting around 262 organisations.

However, it is looking to change the way the fund is administered, including launching a place-based community chest to be delivered through micro grants by using social media to identify local needs.

It says the training of around 160 mental health first aiders in the wake of the death of Holly Clacy in South Woodham Ferrer shows its power to circumvent traditional organisations.

Kirsty O'Callaghan, head of strengthening communities at Essex County Council, said: "It is not one size fits all and we would be looking to deliver participatory budgeting programmes through Council for Voluntary Services and traditional means.

"However in terms of extending our reach to a different audience we do need to think about that as a platform. I have been doing some work with a social media expert to map every single place based Facebook group to understand who is administrating those Facebook groups, who is administrating those Twitter feeds, to start to think about Essex's role as an enabler directly with communities where we might not always need to go through organisations.

Community

"There was a situation in South Woodham Ferrers where young girl took her own life, through the local place-based Facebook group, the community was talking about what they would like to do.

"We were able to support that community by offering mental health first aid training. We put out [a message] – 160 people signed up, all got trained and now we have 160 mental health first aid coaches in one town."

An Essex County Council spokesperson said: "Communicating via social media is the norm for many of our residents and it is important we communicate with them on the channels they are using.

"We have commissioned a local social media expert to help us engage with local community Facebook groups, this piece of work is vital in getting to the heart of communities in Essex.

"We have identified and engaged with the administrators of local community groups, who are a valuable community asset in helping us to understand the needs and views of our community.

"We want to listen to our residents and this is a key way that we can do this.

"Working with a number of these administrators we have also encouraged local volunteering.

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*Roxanna Hayes of lifestyle magazine *Inspirational London* explains why they wanted to be involved with the awards*

With nominations now open, the Essex Business Excellence Awards have confirmed that respected luxury lifestyle magazine, *Inspirational London*, has been named as a sponsor.

Set to be held October 2 at Essex County Cricket Club, excitement for the awards is already building, with companies starting to submit their applications in the hopes of being crowned the winner of one of the many categories at the awards ceremony.

Inspirational London's director, Roxanna Hayes, explained why the magazine was keen to come on board with the awards:

"We work with businesses of all sizes and from a wide range of sectors and we know how hard businesses must work to achieve success. The Essex Business Excellence Awards are a fantastic opportunity to recognise and celebrate this success. What's more, the awards also help to highlight the region as a whole; acting as a showcase for Essex and the quality of business and services operating here."

Distributed to luxury hotels, bars and other venues across the capital, *Inspirational London* is designed in-house by leading brand agency, Champions (UK) plc and over its glossy pages covers a wide range of topics, including fashion, sport and business.

"Our magazine covers a wide range of business news, from profiling global firms to updates on what's new," continued Roxanna, and through this insight into the world of business it is clear to see that success is hard won, which is why we are thrilled to be able to take this opportunity to encourage local business to continue to strive for success."

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<p>Alayne BRANT Passed away on 12th June 2018 aged 63 Years. Devoted Wife to Geoff and Loving Mum to Alex and Simon. Much loved by everyone, she will be greatly missed by all family and friends. The funeral service will take place at Pardon Wood Crematorium on Thursday 5th July at 1.45pm. All welcome. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, may be made payable to 'MIND' and sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons Wych Elm Harlow, Essex CM20 1QP Tel: 01279 426990 Alternatively, please visit the 'In Memory' page at www.drobinson.co.uk.</p>	<p>ANN SMITH Passed away peacefully at home on 14th June 2018, aged 84 years, after a long illness. A very much loved Mum who will be greatly missed by her Sons Kevin and Graham, Grandchildren Carl, Katie, Chloe, Lee and Lucy and her 9 Great Grandchildren. Ann's Funeral Service is to be held on Tuesday 10th July 2018 at Parndon Wood Crematorium at 1.00 p.m. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired for Cancer Research UK. Cheques made payable to Charities Account. All Enquiries and Donations to Masterson Funeral Home Ltd, Independent and Family Owned Funeral Directors, Station Road, Old Harlow, Essex. CM17 0AS. Tel: 01279 626238. MASTERTON FUNERAL HOME LTD</p>	<p>KING PERRY Dear Pesa, 5 years gone, we all still think of you every day. All Our Love Tony, Anne, Jade & Brandon</p>	<p>KING PERRY Thinking of you always Love Kim, Rhys, Dylan & Elsie x</p>
<p>Kenneth Gordon HOWARD 'Ken' A life long resident of Sawbridgeworth, passed away peacefully in Princess Alexandra Hospital on the 15th June 2018 aged 92. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all who knew him. Ken's funeral service will be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Wednesday 4th July 2018 at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please but donations for the Royal British Legion may be sent to Daniel Robinson & Sons, 3 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9DB Telephone 01279-722476 Alternatively, please visit our In Memory pages at www.drobinson.co.uk</p>	<p>MARY ROUSE Janet, Wendy and their families would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral service. For the many cards and messages of condolence. Please accept our grateful thanks for your comfort at this difficult time.</p>	<p>KING PERRY Time goes by and still every day we miss you. Love from Ni, Glen, Owen, Ella & Elliott xxxx</p>	<p>PIRCE John Edward Dearest John, thinking of you on your birthday July 3rd and always. Love forever Mum, Steve & Marlene, Paul & Sharon and Families xxx</p>
<p>IRENE PHYLLIS JARVIS Peacefully on 20th June in Nightingale Nursing Home, Ware, Aged 97 years. The beloved Aunt to Bill, Cliff and Beverley. She will be sadly missed by all. Irene's Funeral Service is to be held on Wednesday 4th July 2018, at Parndon Wood Crematorium at 1.45pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to St Clare Hospice. All Enquiries and Donations to Masterson Funeral Home Ltd, Independent and Family Owned Funeral Directors, Station Road, Old Harlow, Essex. CM17 0AS. Tel: 01279 626238. MASTERTON FUNERAL HOME LTD</p>	<p>PERRY KING 08.05.60 - 29.06.2013 To our beloved Perry, we love & miss you every day. We cherish the wonderful memories you left us with. We'll never get over losing you. Love always Mum & Dad x x</p>	<p>EYSTNA and ROSE BLUNNIE 24-7-91 - 27-6-12 In loving memory. Always in our hearts. Mum, Dad, Sister, Brothers, Niece, Nephews, Uncles, Aunts and Grandmother. "We will never forget you both"</p>	<p>KING PERRY Dear Pel, our hearts ache from missing you, no matter how long it's been. Love always Jo, Martin & Rick</p>
<p>Thelma Alexandra MARYON Passed away peacefully at home on 14th June 2018, aged 87. Beloved wife to Reg, Mother to Nick and Melissa and Nanna to Danielle and Oscar. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Thelma's funeral service will be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Thursday 5th July 2018 at 12.15pm. Flowers may be sent to Daniel Robinson & Sons, 3 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9DB Telephone 01279-722476</p>	<p>BRYAN HORNETT (PUD) Your twinkling blue eyes and your ready smile will always be remembered. Love Mum, Carol and Boys</p>	<p>KING PERRY Still missing you Love from Suzanne x</p>	<p>KING PERRY Today, tomorrow, all my life, I will love and miss you mum x Thank you for the many good times we shared xxxx</p>
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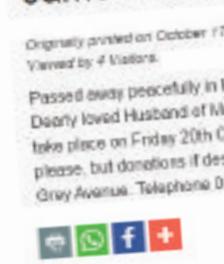
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James HOWLETT 

Originally printed on October 17, 2017 in the Hull Daily Mail.
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Passed away peacefully in Hull Royal Infirmary on 12th October 2017, aged 67 years.
Dear loved Husband of Maureen, much loved Dad of Laura and Daniel. Funeral service to take place on Friday 20th October at Chorltoncote Crematorium, at 12.00pm. No flowers, just donations if desired to Dove House Hospice, Rivington St. Summers & Son, 33

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Join Julia in big walk to fight cancer

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Physical activity plays an important part in stacking the odds against a bowel cancer diagnosis

Julia Bradbury

cancer diagnosis and as passionate walking advocates, The Outdoor Guide and I are delighted to fully support Walk Together. It's a lovely way to bring everyone together affected by the disease from all "walks" of life!"

Bowel cancer is the UK's second biggest cancer killer, and yet it is preventable, treatable and curable especially if diagnosed early. Nearly everyone diagnosed at the earliest stage will survive bowel cancer.

To sign up to Walk Together in London on Saturday, September 15, or to receive a fundraising pack with everything you need to hold your own memorable walk, visit: bowelcanceruk.org.uk/walktogether

Emily Stallard
Via email

Protect our children

SOCIAL media companies need to act now to protect children after Barnardo's revealed more than half of 12-year-olds have posted live videos on apps and websites meant for older children and adults.

A survey by YouGov found that 57 per cent of 12-year-olds and more than one-in-



PHOTO
of the week

Rainy day in Harlow taken by Kristaps Abeinieks

four children aged 10 (28 per cent) have admitted live streaming content over the internet. The results suggest thousands of younger children may be putting themselves at risk by sharing live videos on sites with a minimum age limit of 13.

Urgent action is needed because we know from our specialist services across the UK that children are at risk of 'live grooming' on online platforms.

Tech companies are simply not doing enough to

keep children safe. Our research shows that children use live streaming apps that are not appropriate for their ages so tech giants need to ensure they put robust age verification rules in place.

Theresa May vowed to make the UK the safest place in the world to be online, but new laws are not expected for at least two years. This is simply not good enough for the children who need protecting now.

Jonathan Whalley
Via email

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Julia Bradbury

WEBCHAT

The hot topics our readers have been discussing on social media

■ ANT MCPARTLIN'S EX LISA ARMSTRONG CALLS ON FANS TO DISOWN TV STAR AFTER SUPPORTING 'SCUMBAG' CLAIMS:

That's the problem with marriage break-ups, too many get involved to twist the knife. If I remembered rightly it was her who ended the marriage with Ant in the first place. So why is she so upset with him moving on? I also thought she had someone else too, am I wrong? If the marriage is over as they say it is, then stay clear of each other and get on with life, without turning it into a bitter circus! Spend time alone to get heads sorted, and if the other person is still there you know its meant to be.

Janet Piper

■ THE AMAZING WAYS

■ ESSEX CELEBRATED THE OPENING WORLD CUP WIN LAST NIGHT:

Bit OTT given it was only their first match - but hey, if they have spare police to monitor the crowd, then go ahead.

Chloe Stevens

Party party.
Kelly Mulroy

It's only a game of ball..
People need to get a grip lol.

Karen Mitchell

■ ESSEX WEATHER: SCORCHING TEMPERATURES SEE ESSEX HOTTER THAN THE COSTA DEL SOL NEXT WEEK:

But the Costa del Sol has a beach and no work. I know where I'd rather be.

Lyndsey Harris

I'd much rather be on a beach doing nothing.
Chloe Stevens

■ GIRL HUMILIATED AFTER COSTA COFFEE STAFF MAKE FUN OF HER NAME WHEN SHE ASKED FOR A JOB:

Shouldn't have done that in first place. Not professional. I'd never work for them again due to an experience.

Mandy Skingsley

As well as apologising they should have offered her a few shifts.

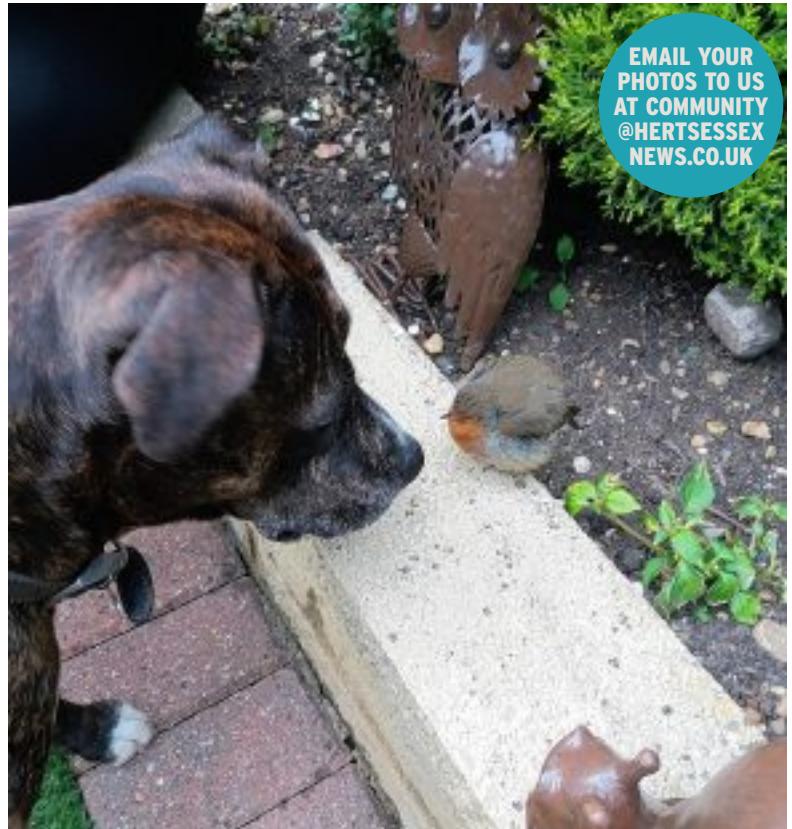
Chloe Stevens

■ CAN EMPLOYEES BE SACKED FOR WATCHING THE WORLD CUP AT WORK?

NHS staff have no choice but to work, no time to stop!

Janet Piper

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Bailey and her little robin friend. Photo taken by Sue Mower

Tony

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



Walker

Inspector, Harlow Community Policing Team

THERE has been much publicity recently in the national media regarding knife crime. Too many young people are losing their lives

or being seriously injured and the impact of knife crime is significant and affects the whole community.

There is a knife amnesty bin situated outside Harlow Police Station which has been provided by the registered charity 'Only Cowards Carry', which was founded in November 2012 by Caroline Shearer in memory of her 17-year-old son Jay Winston, who was fatally stabbed in the same year.

The charity works in partnership with the police, crime stoppers, MPs and other agencies, and delivers important messages around knife crime, drugs and alcohol misuse, gang culture as well as increasing parent and teacher awareness. The knife bin is managed and emptied by the charity and is not monitored by police, so please make use of the facility and dispose of any

unwanted knives. Further information can be found at onlycowardscarry.org.

Essex Police continue to work hard locally to reduce knife crime and will deal positively with anyone found unlawfully in possession of a knife or offensive weapon. On June 3 a 28-year-old man attempted to enter a pub in Market Square, Harlow, with a knife concealed in a bracelet. He was arrested and recently appeared before magistrates where he was sentenced to four months' imprisonment and a £115 fine. Hopefully a deterrent to anyone thinking of carrying a knife unlawfully.

I recently had the pleasure of attending a local awards presentation held at the Great Pardon Community Centre in Harlow.

Chief Superintendent Andy Mariner presented certificates to a number of police officers and staff for various acts of bravery,

that were mentioned.

The next 'coffee with cops' is on Thursday, July 5, from noon to 1pm at McDonalds, Staple Ty Shopping Centre, Southern Way. It is an opportunity to meet with a local community policing team officer and discuss issues over a free coffee.



Knife amnesty bin



Local awards presentation

TALKING POINT

If it's good enough for Scotland, is it good enough for us?

THE BIG QUESTION:

Should the voting age in local and general elections be reduced to 16?

LABOUR



Jake Shepherd

THE question of votes at 16 has been a long standing one, and in June 2015 the Scottish Parliament answered it.

If 16 and 17-year-olds can now vote in Scottish Parliamentary and local elections, why is the rest of the UK still stumbling over

its response?

Wales is set to be next to follow, allowing 16 and 17-year-olds to vote in Welsh assembly and local elections from 2022.

With the return of power sharing in Stormont remaining distant, it's difficult to say when votes at 16 might come to Northern Ireland.

However, in 2012 a motion on votes at 16 was passed but didn't take effect because changes in voting age can only be made by Westminster.

Clearly the question we should be asking about votes at 16 is not if, but when?

Having campaigned outside Harlow College with others to encourage young people to vote, I know that if we're to overcome the disconnect between political education and voting we must give 16 and 17-year-olds a voice at the ballot box.

If you're unsure why we

should extend the franchise, well the arguments are out there. I'm simply writing to say that the ship has sailed, the cat has been let out of the bag. Votes at 16 will soon become a reality. Let's stop discussing the question, instead start preparing for the answer by talking to young people about voting.

What currently faces us all when we turn 18 is that we are asked to make a decision, hopefully not just for ourselves but one which we think is in the interest of the many. We are asked to vote not just for politicians, but for their ideas and policies which last far longer than the campaigns which see them elected. In the case of referenda, the decisions we take span generations.

However, the power and responsibility contained within our vote isn't an argument against votes at 16, it's all the more reason to grant it.



UKIP



Jesse Pryke

It leaves me cold to hear the MPs shouting at each other in the House of Commons. I didn't take any interest in politics until I was about 50.

I used to vote Conservative as I was told to by my father, I knew he was looking after his family and I left it to him to decide who was the better political party of the time.

When I did take notice I was struck by a speech made by Alan Sked on the wireless, one of the founders of Ukip, and I went to the first Ukip conference I could, and heard Nigel Farage trying to calm an unhappy gathering of members and then went on to make Ukip a household name.

In America I understand to drink in public you have to be 21 but only 18 to vote.

Why aren't our children left alone to enjoy their childhood without being pushed into something that most of them do not understand.

There are a few that would like to start their political career a little earlier, but they are in the minority.

GREEN PARTY

YES – as is already the case in Scotland for the Scottish parliament and local elections. Sixteen and 17-year-olds can work and pay tax, and join the Army.

How dare we not give them the vote? There should be no taxation without representation. That is an outrage.

The future belongs to young people and major decisions about the long term future of our country are being taken in these momentous times.

We should have a diverse political scene including diversity in age.

There is no monopoly on knowledge for any particular generation.

Evidence from the Scottish independence referendum, and substantiated by

research from Austria and Norway, shows – aided by the encouragement of families and schools – 16 and 17-year-olds have higher rates of turnout than 18 to 24-year-olds.

We need to draw them in at this age to keep them in the democratic system.

In the EU referendum of two years ago there was a great divide between the age groups.

Under-25s were more than twice as likely to vote Remain (71%) than Leave (29%). For over-65s the opposite was the case, as 64% of over-65s voted to Leave while only 36% voted to Remain.

By the time we leave, those who were 16 and 17-year-olds in June 2016 qualify for a vote – but too late.

And they will have to live with the consequences much longer than the rest of us.

That is one of the reasons why the Green Party is supporting the call for a people's vote on the final deal, to ensure that we truly give democracy to all of our population, young and old.

As Caroline Lucas, Green Party co-leader, said: "We should give Britain's 1.5 million 16 and 17-year-olds – the first generation to have received citizenship education – a say in what will very much be their future."

The Government should urgently change the law to expand the electorate – to truly hand people control. After trebling tuition fees, cutting housing benefit for young people and slashing



Reza Hossain

the educational maintenance allowance – surely the Government should give young people a chance to have a say on the policies that are affecting them."

WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU WANT ANSWERED?

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YOUR EDUCATION NEWS

Talented teenagers make school proud by winning county call-ups

YEAR 8 boys, Joseph Oppong and Israel Adjei, from St Mark's West Essex Catholic School have been selected for the Under-14 Essex rugby squad.

The talented youngsters, who only took up the sport last year, attended two rounds of trials hosted by Barking Rugby Club.

During the trials they competed against 150 other hopefuls to make it into the Essex squad of 30 players.

St Mark's head of PE, Ray Flowers, said: "We are overjoyed, and very proud, that the boys have been selected. Rugby was a new sport for them both when they joined St Mark's but they are tremendously talented athletes and dedicated to their sport, so this achievement is well-deserved."

- Does your school have news or student achievements you would like to share on our Education page?
- Email us your news and photos and you could be shown here next week!

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Joseph Oppong and Israel Adjei

Hard work is rewarded as Ofsted inspectors award Passmores Academy a good rating

PASSMORES Academy staff were delighted to receive affirmation of their hard work and commitment to their students following the results of a successful two-day Ofsted inspection last month.

The school, which was rated good across all areas of judgement, was praised for the principal's "inspirational leadership" which Ofsted said "creates a culture of high expectations and ambition".

Other notable comments highlighted the good behaviour of students, reporting that they are

tolerant and respectful towards each other and feel confident to be different. Students told inspectors that discrimination and derogatory language are not tolerated, with one young person commenting:

"Passmores is definitely for everyone and anyone."

The report goes on to say that staff, students, and parents agreed overwhelmingly that the strong culture of safeguarding throughout the school allows students to feel safe.

This extends to students being taught about personal

safety, including when using social media.

Ofsted also commended the school for its "outstanding provision" for pupils' personal development and well-being, consistently good teaching, and a "rich and imaginative curriculum that puts pupils' needs and aspirations first".

The results of Ofsted's survey of parents and staff revealed that parents thought highly of the school, with virtually all of them confirming they would recommend it to other parents.

Staff reported they are

proud to work at Passmores and their morale is high.

Principal of Passmores, Vic Goddard said: "The whole report shouts out what an amazing team effort our school is. I am very proud to see that the wonderful work we do has been recognised and appreciated.

"Obviously, we still have things to work on, but this is a good time to reflect on the true community service we provide to every child that steps through our doors."

The full report can be accessed at www.passmoresacademy.com/15/ofsted-inspections



Passmores Academy principal, Vic Goddard

YOUR CHARITY NEWS

Swim the Serpentine and help support people coping with sight loss

SUPPORT 4 Sight is looking for three swimmers to take part in a mass participation event on their behalf on Saturday, September 22.

The charity is offering the opportunity for two entrants to swim one mile and one entrant to swim two miles, in open water at the venue of the London 2012 Olympic Games.

Organised by London Marathon Events in partnership with British

Swimming, the festival will be held in and around the beautiful Serpentine in Hyde Park.

They are looking for strong swimmers to represent them at this event and raise a minimum of £500 in sponsorship for Support 4 Sight.

All swimmers in the mass participation mile must wear either a wet suit or use a tow-float.

This is a chance to take

part in a once in a lifetime event while raising funds for a fantastic cause.

The fundraising team will offer continuous support to help you achieve your target and more.

Can you imagine suddenly losing your sight?

Some would think it's as simple as trying something while closing your eyes but the difference is – you can open your eyes again.

It is estimated that only

one in five people with sight loss are registered, which is just over 7,000 people in Essex.

This means there are approximately 28,000 unregistered people in Essex living with sight loss.

Many of those would be unsupported to cope with the devastating effects, such as depression, social isolation or a huge decline of independence.

The charity provides

information, support and advice to people with sight loss, to support them to remain independent.

Support 4 Sight offers a resource centre in both Saffron Walden and Chelmsford, home visiting and a telephone service throughout West Essex; so that local people are assisted to cope and are less isolated through their sight loss.

It also provides coffee mornings, support groups

and social trips in Harlow, Chelmsford, Saffron Walden, Great Dunmow, Braintree and Witham. The team offer support within Princess Alexandra Hospital, Broomfield Hospital and other Community hospitals within the local area.

For more information on the event, contact Laura, community fundraiser on 07506 739600 or 01799 588897 – or email laura@support4sight.org.uk.

Experts on hand as roadshow deals with dementia questions

TWO opportunities to put dementia questions to the experts were warmly welcomed in Harlow.

Alzheimer's Society's Community Roadshow parked up at The Water Gardens Shopping Centre last recently where 190 people took the chance to seek advice and information from a team of experts.

The Roadshow was open to anyone currently living with dementia, worried about a friend or relative's memory or who just had questions about the condition. No appointment was needed.

Claire Stockwell-Lance, Alzheimer's Society Operations Manager for Essex, said: "There are more than 900 people living with dementia in Harlow and too many facing it alone without adequate support.

"It was great to have so many people stop and talk to us for a variety of reasons. We had 74 individual visits on our first day and another 116 the second day.

"We want everyone affected by dementia to know that whoever you are, whatever you are going through, you can turn to Alzheimer's Society for support, help and advice.

"Dementia is now the UK's biggest killer, with someone developing it every three minutes.

"Our Community Roadshow offers an opportunity for people to get the information and support they need.

"We're here to provide people with information about where to get help and



Jill Clarricoats and Janet Lenihan, both part of Alzheimer's Society's Family Navigator service in Essex, were on hand to speak to at the Roadshow in Harlow

encourage those with concerns about their memory to visit their GP."

Alzheimer's Society is urging everyone to come

together and unite against dementia, find out when the Dementia Community Roadshow will be visiting your local area, visit

www.alzheimers.org.uk/roadshow

To keep up to date with what Alzheimer's Society is doing in your area, follow

the local Twitter account twitter.com/AlzSocEAnglia or visit the Facebook page facebook.com/AlzheimersSocietyEastAnglia

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YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS

New features and some old favourites too as Village Day plans take shape

Queuing for children's races during a previous staging of Essendon's big day



BY ESSENDON VILLAGE DAY COMMITTEE

ESSENDON Village Day will have some old favourites as well as lots of new attractions this year.

On August Bank Holiday Monday, rain or shine, the trusty tractor so loved by the children will be driven, as usual, by John, as he has for many years.

The vintage tractor is supplied by a local who every year, is kind enough to fuel it up, drive it on to a trailer and bring it up to the field. It is people like him who, with lots of villagers, support the event and make it so popular.

At the last meeting, the committee finalised the prizes for the grand draw, the insurance against bad weather to pay for the costs laid out before the event.

This year, the Essendon Country Club has kindly donated the first prize of £200 and lots of prizes are on offer. Tickets are being printed in Hertford by Mobile Stationery and will be on sale soon.

The Village Day has some super sponsors including BP Mitchell, the local lorry people who have taken the back of the new, improved programme and Imperial



The vintage tractor is supplied by a local

Hotels; both are very kind each year.

The designer is working on the layout while the chairman and secretary are trying to put together a massive timetable of events as well as where things are going to go on the day.

The Mayor of Welwyn has kindly agreed to open the Village Day at 2pm. And for the first time, the organisers of the horticultural show have agreed to move from the village hall back to the field so everyone can see the exhibits, as well as enjoy all the other activities.

It has been a busy week.

The first aiders are booked, the bouncy castle is ordered and the charity, Riding for the Disabled are supplying horses for the children to ride.

So, after you sit on a hay bale on John's tractor had a bounce on the bouncy castle and wandered around kiddies corner, children can ride a horse.

And they are not finished yet. The committee will have other things to tell you about next time. Put a note in the diary now, August Bank Holiday Monday, 27, a date to remember and not to be missed.

Fresh fruit and veg – right on your doorstep

DOORSTEP Fruit and Veg was set up a year ago by close friends Steven Tyson and David Bonner.

The Bonner family are proud to have five generations of greengrocers and to this day still have the original fruit and veg stall where it all started in Walthamstow High Street.

The idea behind Doorstep Fruit and Veg was to offer home deliveries of fresh fruit and veg boxes to the local and surrounding areas.

Once this took off there was then a demand to supply commercial, business and schools.

Then a couple of months ago the opportunity came up to have a shop at Mayfield Farm in Old Harlow.

The shop opened its doors on Wednesday, June 13 and Steve's wife Emily said: "We are pleased to say it was a great success."

"The feedback was fantastic, we had young families tell us how affordable we were, vegetarians and vegans tell



Steven Tyson and David Bonner opening the shop

us we were a dream come true and elderly customers saying how nice it was to not have to buy in large quantities."

"The locals were very excited to finally have a greengrocers to serve

their communities.

"We loved getting people excited about eating healthy."

They will be open six days a week (Tuesday to Saturday 9am-4pm and Sunday 10am-2pm).

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS

Projects are a popular way of learning for students

A FRESH approach to homework is proving to be a successful way to inspire students at Passmores Academy. 'Student Agency in Learning', otherwise known as SAIL, offers a range of project-based learning initiatives which students can choose from for themselves. One talented student who is making the most of the opportunity is budding scientist, Zara Man. Zara has produced some astounding examples of work, including labelled crochet models of bacteria and viruses, a website about genetic conditions, and perhaps most impressively, a stop-motion film which demonstrates the impact of plastics in our oceans.

Zara said: 'I find science really interesting and it's a subject I can really push myself in. Having a choice of work means that I can be

more creative and find different ways to explain things. Designing a website was part of the project so I used this to show what the impact of plastic is in our seas. When I made the crocheted bacteria, I tried out different designs first to see how I could make it. I thought that crochet might be something that no one else had done'.

The SAIL approach in science lessons has reportedly transformed the way students are learning. The choice of four different activities for each concept taught caters to all students' abilities and allows them to stretch themselves with a range of creative possibilities.

Head of Key Stage 3 Science, Anita Schultschik said: 'SAIL helps the really able students to go further and some of them get really



Science whizz and amateur film-maker, Zara

creative. But it also supports students of differing abilities because although they are still being challenged, they don't feel the pressure of

producing something which has a right or wrong answer. We have found that students can take more ownership of their learning and this has

produced some fantastic outcomes'.

Zara's stop-motion film entitled, 'The BoomPlastic Revenge' can be viewed by

accessing the following website:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lygsikNpZNI&t=1s>

Harlow

■ WRITERS' WORKSHOP: Harlow writers present 'Surfing with Penguins' on Saturday, June 30 from 2.30 to 5pm at The New Hall, Moot House, The Stow, Harlow CM20 3AG.

This award winning local Writers' Workshop will present another varied and entertaining reading if their work, suitable for all ages. Laugh and cry with Harlow Writers.

Tickets are £2 at the door, for more information please contact Adrienne on 01279 723948, email shine@adriennetinn.me.uk or visit <http://www.harlowwritersworkshop.com>.

■ JAZZ GIG: Music at Marigolds present the Jim Mullen Trio at Harlow Cricket Club, Chippingfield, Old Harlow, Essex, CM17 0DJ on Friday, June 29. Doors open

at 7.30pm and tickets are £10 on the door.

For more information on this and upcoming events visit their website at www.musicatmarigolds.co.uk or call 01279 421763.

Hunsdon

■ PILATES CLASSES: Mondays 2.30-3.30pm Hunsdon Village Hall. Friendly and welcoming classes. Pilates helps you achieve a balance of mind and body plus focusing on stretching and strengthening the whole body to improve balance, muscle strength, flexibility and posture.

For more information or to book your complimentary trial class (limited places) new attendees- Contact Anne at 'Active Health Pilates and More' on 07717 333234 or email: activehealthpam@

gmail.com

Sandon

■ GREEN FINGERS: Sandon Gardeners' Club meets every second Monday of the month at Sandon Village Hall at 7.30pm.

If you have an interest in gardening, go along and join. New members are always welcome.

Contact chairman John Handley at: johnhandley5@btinternet.com for more.

Sawbridgeworth

■ MORRIS MEET: Fiddlers' Brook Morris meet every Tuesday at 8pm at Allens Green Village Hall near

Sawbridgeworth. New comers are welcome to go along and give it a try for fun, exercise and friendship and to help

keep a tradition going? Musicians also welcome. Call 01279 723707 or email neilandgillmunro@aol.com or see our Facebook page.

Standon

■ TEEN DANCE: DDMIX (Diverse Dance Mix) dance fitness classes are held every Wednesday at Standon Village Hall for teenagers between 5.45 and 6.30pm, term time.

No dance experience is required, just lots of enthusiasm and a pair of trainers. It costs £5, which can be paid on the door each week. Call Julie on 07971 699615 or visit: dancejamacademy.co.uk for more details.

■ FIT FOR ALL: Pure Stretch releases muscular tension, develops core strength, and reduces mental and physical

fatigue.

It is suitable for everyone, easy to follow, sociable and light-hearted. Call Denise, your local fitness instructor, for times and classes on 01920 823072 or 07703 277862.

■ CREATIVE LITTLE ONES: Art, craft and messy play classes are held for under fives. The sessions are held on Wednesdays between 1pm and 1.45pm at Standon Village Hall.

Go along and have some creative fun with your little one. Email Becky to book a free trial at: artexplorers1@gmail.com or visit: www.artexplorers.co.uk for more information.

■ MUSICIANS AND MOVERS: Put a jingle in your step and become a morris dancer. Have a bash at Cotswold dance traditions with Standon Morris at practice sessions on

Thursday evenings. The mixed side welcomes anyone from 10 years old upwards. No experience necessary, and it is free. The group gathers from about 8pm onwards in The Star before heading down to Standon Village Hall at 8.30pm. Musicians are also needed to play.

To find out more, call Catherine on 07808 969379 or send an email to: standon.morris@gmail.com

YOUR NEWS

■ We compile our Community News pages two weeks in advance of publication.

If you'd like to include a future event please make sure you tell us in plenty of time so our readers can come along.

Community diners get ready to serve

THE second ever Harlow SOUP took place recently and saw over 100 people in attendance raising over £550 for winners Aspire Support Learn (ASL).

Hosted at Pemberley Academy, the event featured four community projects pitching to win the money collected on the door, which was on a "pay what you feel" basis.

Over 100 community diners attended the evening to find out about new community projects, vote for their favourite and sample the delicious homemade soup.

The winning project was ASL, a community interest company that offers employment opportunities and day care, as well as life skills, for adults with

additional needs. ASL's moving pitch explained that they would use the funds to buy their own equipment for their own dedicated tearoom.

The new space would enable ASL to open up the tearooms to more customers to help sustain the success of the organisation.

The three other pitches were also very well received and included: football equipment for Northbrooks FC to support children and local people, materials to build a garden for the dementia ward and other wards at Princess Alexandra Hospital and funding to buy a defibrillator for Little Acorns pre-school.

Previous winners Streets 2 Homes also attended to both take part and provide

feedback on how the money was spent.

Streets 2 Homes had successfully been able to modernise and update their toilets using the money raised from the previous event and were happy to support the second Harlow SOUP.

The next Harlow SOUP event will take place on Thursday, August 30.

And submissions are now open for new and exciting Harlow-based projects.

The only criteria for submission is that the project benefits the whole town.

For more information or to submit your idea for consideration for the next Harlow SOUP please visit the website: www.harlawsoup.co.uk



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The Aspire Support Learn

The lack of youth services is adding to the dissatisfaction that youngsters feel

ON June 6, a bill for a statutory youth service was read out in parliament by Lloyd Russell-Moyle MP, with the hope that providing a youth service will become law in England. Clare Harrison McCartney and Rhiannon May Jenkins, represented Harlow Young Labour and lobbied Robert Halfon MP of Harlow in parliament.

People from all over the country attended to back the bill. Clare and Rhiannon were invited to Robert Halfon MP's office in parliament, to discuss the bill. Clare said: "I remember play schemes in Harlow, which nurtured our talents. We had youth clubs and The

Square was a great place to meet and feel safe amongst like minds. I feel that the lack of youth services is adding to the dissatisfaction and hopelessness that young people feel today. They need somewhere to go and have fun, and to find their own unique gift, be it art, music, writing, comedy, acting, politics or sport. Leisure time is not the same as work and school. The isolation of staying in and playing some computer games is not always healthy, socialising with people can be wonderful therapy and a good way to speak about our problems and worries. Many young people face life alone and won't always share their

inner concerns. A youth service can provide a safe space for young people to express themselves."

Laura McAlpine, Parliamentary Candidate for Harlow and the villages and Young Labour Youth Coordinator, said: I will be supporting the inclusion of a statutory youth service in the next Labour manifesto as part of our education service. The disastrous, pernicious cuts that the conservatives have inflicted on our councils have resulted in the closure of youth services across the country. Harlow has seen the closure of The Square and Occasion House, amongst other services that I benefited from in my youth.

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I will fight with all my might to ensure that the youth in Harlow are not the forgotten generation – they are our future and deserve the same support and services that we all benefited from. We are hoping that the bill will be passed through parliament and will become law. We await the next hearing.



Clare Harrison McCartney with Rhiannon May Jenkins

MUSIC

Spirit of punk

NEWTOWN NEUROTIICS ORIGINALLY SPLIT IN 1988 BUT FRONTMAN STEVE DREWETT TELLS MARTIN NEAL THAT THE REFORMED HARLOW PUNK BAND IS JUST AS RELEVANT AS EVER

When Newtown Neurotics frontman Steve Drewett was asked if he fancied reforming the legendary Harlow punk band after 16 years of inactivity he was convinced it was a terrible idea.

But once it was pointed out that being raw and under-prepared on stage was one of the most punk things it's possible to do, he soon changed his mind.

Sure enough audiences found the left-wing rabble rousers' anti-establishment attitude as relevant now as it was first time around.

Now with a documentary about the group's rise, fall and rise again in production and a new album in the pipeline, the streetwise trio look set to keep going for years to come.

With songs like Kick Out the Tories and Living With Unemployment, the Neurotics spoke for a disaffected generation before they split. And when they came back, the political landscape was pretty similar, making them just as relevant today.

"The people who keep an eye on these things could see the direction of travel, politically," explained Steve. "And those who don't started

to realise that we're in this mess.

"Our lyrics are still relevant now because we haven't had any significant change in this country so it's benefitted the Neurotics in that way."

So while the political landscape may be similar, the technological and cultural shifts are enormous. When the Neurotics split in 1988 nobody wanted to know about punk any more and Steve went off and did all the things he'd missed out on through playing in the band, such as travelling and raising a family.

Then 14 years ago he was asked to put the band back together for a reunion gig to mark the launch of a double CD called The Stortbeat Collective, featuring two Neurotics tracks, at The Square in Harlow, organised by Gordon Wilkins.

"Gordon suggested that, on the night of its launch, taking place at The Square, some of the people and bands from that era would perform once again for a laugh," said Steve, "and that it would be good if the Neurotics reformed and appeared with them."

"I was dead set against doing this as I said that I didn't want to go through all the rehearsals that would be needed to bring

the band back up to scratch, especially with the knowledge that it would all be for just one gig. We had no intention at that point in reforming permanently.

"Then Gordon sealed it by saying that every band on the evening will sound rough and ready as none of them have played for 15 to 20 years and in a way it would be appropriate, because back in the day we were all learning our instruments and experimenting, if now, we sound shaky it will be more in tune with the old days than a polished performance, it would basically be punk rock."

"I then found that I could not disagree with that analysis and so I succumbed and it was in that spirit that The Neurotics agreed to bash out a few numbers without any rehearsal some 16 years after they last played."

Since then the Neurotics have continued to gather momentum. A documentary (Kick Out) is being made and a new album is being worked on and will hopefully be out next year. The Neurotics expanded their sound greatly prior to their break-up, with the addition of horns and slower beats – so where will they pick up from?

"That's a good question," admitted Steve, "although I'm not sure I know the answer. The music for the album is coming along really well, but how it will sound in the end is hard to say because it's still forming."

"It's a bit like looking at an embryo – although it's more formed than that – and not knowing what animal it is. I've got a sound in my head and it's changing all the time as we go along."

"We've been offered a record but I don't know how much we'll get so I don't know how much we can throw at it. I'm not looking at horns at the moment though, I'm thinking 'let's make it powerful using the three-piece'."

That three-piece comprises Steve on guitars and vocals, Adam Smith on bass and Simon Lomond on drums – Smith filling the gap left by Colin Dredd who died in 2015.

■ Tickets for the Newtown Neurotics' gig at Phoenix Live on July 27 are available, priced £5 from www.wegottickets.com/blackwax. Support comes from UnPunkt, the new acoustic punk duo featuring Nigel Clark of Britpop stars Dodgy. Musical punk poetry duo Cherry & Peesh will also be performing.



LIVE MUSIC



Reef are coming to Chinnery's, Southend as part of their headline tour of the UK in November and December. The West Country rockers, who play the seaside venue on November 22, have just completed the Britrock Must Be Destroyed tour with The Wildhearts and Terrorvision and will play various festivals this summer before heading to Australia and Japan.

DOWN THE PUB



DAVE Sharp, one of the founder members of The Alarm, is appearing at Chelmsford's United Brethren this Friday. Thirty-five years after the Welsh band's hit single 68 Guns, these days Dave, pictured above, appears solo at eclectic venues and festivals across the UK.

Gigs for June 29 to July 1:

- **Star & Garter, Moulsham Street, Chelmsford:** Friday - The Locals; Saturday - Illicit
- **Cricketers, Southend:** Friday - 7786; Saturday - Mr Spankey & The Hipthrusters
- **Horse & Groom, Braintree:** Saturday - Hedgehog
- **Waggon at Wix:** Saturday - The Super Things
- **The George, Witham:** Friday - Rock Dinosaurs
- **Golden Fleece, Chelmsford:** Friday - Tantric Zoo; Saturday - Cadence
- **Railway Hotel, Clifftown Road, Southend:** Friday (9pm) - Mad King Ludwig & the Mojo Co; Saturday - Petty Phase; Sunday (afternoon) - Steve Weston
- **Boars Head, Braintree:** Saturday - Yellowhouse
- **Benfleet Tavern, Benfleet:** Saturday - The Out Outts
- **Cow & Telescope, Southend:** Friday - Beagles; Saturday - Broadway Clash
- **The Swan, Wickford:** Saturday - Beagles
- **United Brethren, New Writtle Street, Chelmsford:** Friday - Dave Sharp (The Alarm); Saturday - Steamhouse
- **The Four Seasons, Laindon:** Friday - Charlies Aunt
- **Rose & Crown, Bishops Stortford:** Saturday - The Luminelectric

FILM REVIEWS

With Damon Smith



Sam Claflin as Richard Sharp and Shailene Woodley as Tami Oldham in *Adrift*

Photo: PA/Kirsty Griffin

ALSO OUT THIS WEEK



Josh Brolin in *Sicario 2*

Photo: Richard Foreman Jr

SICARIO 2: SOLDADO (15)

Stefano Sollima, Italian director of *Suburra* and the TV series *Gomorra*, follows Denis Villeneuve into the director's chair for this tautly paced sequel to the award-winning 2015 thriller *Sicario*.

Taylor Sheridan returns to screenwriting duties, opening with the horrific image of three suicide bombers walking into a supermarket in Kansas City and detonating their vests, despite pleas for mercy from terrified customers.

Government official James Riley (Matthew Modine) responds to the outrage by authorising Matt Graver (Josh Brolin) to undertake a covert mission to prevent Mexican drug cartels from exploiting weaknesses in US border security, which allowed the bombers into the country.

Graver hatches a hare-brained scheme with old ally, Alejandro (Benicio Del Toro), to kidnap Isabel Reyes (Isabela Moner), the 12-year-old daughter of Carlos Reyes, who is head of the powerful Sonoran cartel.

US operatives will frame the rival Matamoros cartel for the abduction and light a fuse on a bloody turf war that will hopefully result in the two Mexican operations wiping each other out.

Alejandro has a deep personal connection to Reyes and he is entrusted with Isabel's safety as the bullets start to fly.

TAG (15)

The quintet of fortysomething men, who reunite every year in Jeff Tomsic's potty-mouthed buddy comedy, blow a raspberry at the idea of responsible behaviour now they have grown up.

This merry band of suited professionals, wastrels and dreamers stave off the spectre of middle-age by devoting one month every year to the playground game of tag, travelling between states and donning disguises if necessary to touch an unsuspecting victim.

The last person to be tagged as the bell tolls midnight on May 31 is deemed the loser until the following year when the hijinks begin again.

Aside from a horribly misjudged gag about miscarriage, which is milked to the point that toes curl, Tag complements bountiful laughs with heart-warming sentiment.

THE BOOKSHOP (PG)

In an early scene from Spanish writer-director Isabel Coixet's adaptation of Penelope Fitzgerald's novel, one kindly resident of the Suffolk coastal town of Hardborough complains that reading is a physical ordeal for a working man.

Alas, the big screen version of *The Bookshop* also inspires an unshakeable weariness despite committed performances from Emily Mortimer and Bill Nighy as the only residents of the close-knit community, willing to surrender themselves to the intoxicating power of the written word.

TROUBLED WATERS

ADRIFT (12A) ★★★★

Californian actress Shailene Woodley buoyed the Divergent saga and conjured a tsunami of tears with her emotionally raw performance in *The Fault In Our Stars*.

In the waterlogged thriller *Adrift*, she anchors an extraordinary true story of survival against the odds in the aftermath of a category four storm, which tore across the Pacific in the autumn of 1983.

Baltasar Kormakur's picture sails into similar choppy waters as the 2013 one-hander *All Is Lost*, which pitted Robert Redford against the raging elements of the Indian Ocean in a stricken boat.

The Icelandic filmmaker, who previously scaled the dizzy heights of Everest with Jake Gyllenhaal, shows an equally sure footing at sea, nimbly choreographing action sequences that quicken the pulse.

He reserves the pivotal set-piece for the second half, marshalling digital effects and directorial brio to propel ill-fated lovebirds into the eye of a storm and a towering wall of water that will surely smash their 44-foot yacht to smithereens.

We are left in no doubt about the devastation wrought by Mother Nature on a couple, who never thought they would be stranded for 41 days, 1,500 miles from salvation.

Wandering spirit Tami Oldham (Woodley) finds her way from San Diego to the sun-kissed shores of Tahiti.

Soon after, handsome British adventurer Richard Sharp (Sam Claflin) arrives on his sailboat, *Mayaluga*, and catches Tami's eye.

"Will you sail around the world with me?" he coos, persuading Tami to accompany him towards the infinite horizon.

Instead, good friends Peter (Jeffrey Thomas) and Christine (Elizabeth Hawthorne) offer Richard 10,000 US dollars to captain their yacht *Hazana* to San Diego. It's a 4,000-mile trek to the place that Tami thought she had left behind but she agrees to accompany her beau.

A few days into the expedition, the couple sail into the eye of Hurricane Raymond, which is powered by 140mph winds. Richard is thrown overboard, Tami is knocked unconscious, Hazana's masts are snapped like twigs and the hull is breached.

Miraculously, Tami fashions a makeshift sail, pumps out water and drags Richard's injured body from the waves.

Their plight seems hopeless and Richard drolly likens the incapacitated vessel to "a needle in a blue haystack".

The couple's sole chance at rescue relies on navigating a painfully slow course towards Hawaii using a sextant and watch.

Adrift rests largely on Woodley and she keeps the picture afloat with a typically engaging, heartfelt performance.

Tami's back story is undernourished – we're never told explicitly why she is determined to fly the family nest – but the central romance simmers nicely thanks to on-screen heat generated by Claflin's dashing paramour.

The script employs a fractured chronology to conceal the sole narrative twist, which leaves a lump in the throat as a flood of relief churns up unexpected despair.



FOOD & DRINK



ON THE GRILL

GRILLED LANGOUSTINES WITH PICKLES TURMERIC AND LASOONI BUTTER (SERVES 4)

INGREDIENTS
16 fresh or frozen langoustines, defrosted; 2tbsp vegetable oil (to coat the langoustines); 2tsp ground turmeric; a generous pinch of sea salt

For the pickled turmeric:
200g fresh turmeric root, peeled; 100ml pickling liquor (see below)

For the pickling liquor:
(Makes 1ltr): 500ml white wine vinegar; 500g caster sugar; 2 star anise; 1 cinnamon stick; 4 cloves; 2 fresh Indian bay leaves

For the lasooni butter: 200g unsalted butter, at room temperature; a bunch of fresh coriander; 5 garlic cloves, peeled; 4 green chillies; a couple of squeezes of lime juice; a pinch of salt

METHOD:

- Put all the pickling liquor ingredients in a saucepan over a low heat. Stir occasionally until all the sugar dissolves. Remove from the heat and set aside to cool before decanting into a sterilised jar. Store in the fridge.
- Peel the turmeric root into thin ribbons, place into a bowl. Steep in the pickling liquor for 1-2 hours at room temperature, then keep in the fridge.

3. Prepare the langoustines by cutting lengthways down the centre of each, keeping the head intact, and removing the intestinal thread. Marinate in the oil, turmeric and salt, then cover and set aside in the refrigerator.

4. Make the lasooni butter by blitzing the butter in a food processor with the coriander, garlic, green chillies, a squeeze of lime juice and salt.

5. Grill the langoustines under a high heat for 2-3 minutes on each side until just cooked.

(Alternatively, cook them in a frying pan over a medium to high heat. Ensure you do not overcook them.)

6. Melt the lasooni butter in a small frying pan to retain its colour. Squeeze in little lime juice, then spoon it over the langoustines. Garnish with pickled turmeric and serve.

YOU don't tend to go to Indian restaurants for fried chicken, and Will Bowlby did not go and set up his own Indian joint, Kricket, to serve it, but some things just happen.

His Keralan-influenced version, laced with turmeric and Kashmiri red chilli powder, is one of his menu regulars - but was a total accident, thanks to a tandoor-free kitchen and a small, convenient deep-fat fryer.

You'll find the fried chicken in Will's debut recipe collection, Kricket: An Indian-inspired Cookbook, alongside his other signature dishes; samphire pakoras - the salty seaweed-like strands are deep-fried then dredged through a tamarind and date chutney; and bhel puri - a raw crunchy mix of deep-fried chickpea noodles, puffed rice, coriander fronds and zingy chutneys - which he's layering up on the pass as we talk.

Will, 29, started cooking aged 10 ("in a very amateurish way, obviously"), and was largely inspired by his grandmother and Jamie Oliver's, The Naked Chef.

So keen on the chef life, he helped pay his way through university at Newcastle by setting up his own private catering company, Will2Cook, as a 16-year-old, cooking for family and friends' events.

"It was good practice and people seemed to like it - although I was young, so they had to say that," he says wryly.

The plan was always to get through school and uni, then wrangle his way into a professional kitchen as quickly as possible (which ended up including working for chef Rowley Leigh at London restaurant Le Cafe Anglais).

What had not been part of the

Will Bowlby hard at work in the kitchen



ELLA WALKER MEETS RESTAURATEUR AND COOKBOOK WRITER WILL BOWLBY - HE'S RELATIVELY NEW TO INDIAN FLAVOURS, BUT YOU'D NEVER GUESS IT

agenda, incredibly, considering how his career's panned out, was Indian food.

"I never really ate Indian food," he admits. "If I was to have a takeaway, I'd have a Chinese."

Even when he landed a job at prestigious, old-school Mumbai restaurant Khyber, it was to run a European-style kitchen.

"I didn't go to India with the idea of doing something with Indian food," he says - but during the two years he spent there, he got sucked into the country's kaleidoscopic food scene. "It's hard not to, it's everywhere you go, you can smell it, you can see it in the street."

Although, "I'm not going to lie," he adds with a laugh, "some days I'd just go to Pizza Express because I wanted to sit in an air-conditioned room and have a Diet Coke and a pizza."

He spent his last three months in India travelling, ostensibly to eat, and scribbling down his thoughts, ideas and the dishes he'd tasted as he traile through Goa and Calcutta, eating

Will started taking Indian cooking classes with the private chef of a Mumbai art dealer, and supplemented staff meals with hot and sour street food and kebabs eaten outside at ramshackle rooftop restaurants.

"Why shouldn't I do my own thing?" he adds, handing me a spoon and a bowl of that crisp bhel puri, traditionally made except for the slick of yoghurt draped across the top. "Everyone else is."

■ **Kricket: An Indian-Inspired Cookbook** (inset left) by Will Bowlby, photography by Hugh Johnson (Hardie Grant), £26.



The traditional white blend is loureiro (60%) arinto (20%) and trajadura (20%) creating wines with a fruity, floral aroma, and refreshing, balanced acidity. My mouth is watering remembering them.

Every vintage the wines are assessed by the region's wine commission to earn the stamp of approval which you'll see on the back of every vinho verde bottle.

Right, let's find some wines!

Back to the "kangaroo" vineyard and Quinta da Torre. **S.Caetano Vinho Verde Arinto** (£12.95, Master of Malt, 13.5% abv) was my favourite from that morning's tasting. It has a good acidity and a fruit bowl of flavours and aromas; lemon, lime, pears, tangerine, mandarin. I had a second sip (at

least) just to confirm how much I enjoyed it.

The following day, winemaker António Braga of Quinta de Azevedo enthused me with his love of the region as we stood in the rain. One of his wines, **Quinta de Azevedo, Vinho Verde 2017** (£7.95, The Wine Society, or £5.99 in a mix six deal at Majestic, 11.5% abv), pictured, has loureiro at its heart and is dappled by notes of apples, pears, lemons and flowers.

A couple of accessible high street vinho verde wines include the Co-op's **Escudo Vinho Verde** (£5.99, 9.5% abv) which is delightful for a garden sip, gently spritzed and full of citrus. Over at Sainsbury's you can find **Alvorada Vinho Verde** (£5,

10% abv) which has citrus, apples and that same tickling spritz.

Finally, the region isn't just about white wine. I discovered this delicious sparkling pink **Quinta da Calçada Couvée de Choix Rosé** (£19.99, drinkportuguesewine.co.uk, 12.5% abv) which is a blend of alvarinho and the red grape variety vinhão and has notes of red fruits and brioche. I sipped it outside the winery's palatial Casa da Calçada before dinner. It wasn't raining but I didn't care.

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RAISE A GLASS WITH JANE CLARE



THERE'S a first time for everything. I jumped out of a minibus at a Portuguese winery and saw a kangaroo. It didn't want to see me and hid in a bush.

Around the corner there was an overprotective mummy llama, some goats and a clutch of chickens.

I was in the Vinho verde region and if anything signified "don't take things for granted" it was those moments wandering around the grounds of Quinta da Torre before tasting their wine.

Vinho Verde is known for its simple, light, fresh wines; slightly spritz, low in alcohol and perfect for a summer's day.

Yes, the wines can be all of that and after spending three (wet) days in this region I've come away pretty much in love with the

grape varieties and their floral fruitiness. It rained a lot, but it only served to heighten the lushness of the countryside.

Vinho verde means "green wine" as a reference to young traditional wines, but to me it will always mean that beautiful green landscape.

The main white varieties are Alvarinho (complex, quince, peach), avesso (orange, almonds, floral), azal (fresh, citrus, acidity), arinto (ripe apple, pear, flowers), loureiro (citrus, rose, freesia) and trajadura (apple, pear, peach).



INGREDIENTS

8 boneless, skinless, free-range chicken thighs, cut into 2.5cm pieces; a handful of micro coriander cress; 1 thumb-size piece of fresh ginger root, very finely sliced into strips

For the marinade: 300g Greek yoghurt; 3tbsp mustard oil; 2tbsp ginger & garlic paste (see below); 1tbsp ground turmeric; 1tbsp Kashmiri red chilli powder; 2tsp sea salt

For the sauce: 2tbsp vegetable oil; 4 green cardamom pods; 2 black cardamom pods; 4 cloves; 2 fresh Indian bay leaves; 4tbsp ginger & garlic paste; 2tbsp red Kashmiri red chilli powder; 2 green chillies, split down the middle; 1kg plum tomatoes, puréed; 200ml double cream, plus extra to serve; 250g unsalted butter; 1tbsp garam masala; a handful of dried fenugreek leaves; caster sugar, to taste; sea salt, to taste; 6tbsp mustard oil

For the ginger and garlic paste (Makes 1kg): 500g fresh ginger root, peeled and roughly chopped; 500g garlic cloves, peeled; 100-200ml vegetable oil

WARM & SOOTHING CURRY OLD DHELI CHICKEN (SERVES 4)

**METHOD**

1. Make the ginger and garlic paste. Blitz the ginger and garlic in a blender, gradually adding enough oil to make a smooth paste. Store in a sterilised jar in the fridge (will keep for two weeks).
2. Make the marinade. Hang the yoghurt by turning it out of its packaging into a muslin (cheesecloth), tie the ends and hang it over a dish for one hour. Ensure the yoghurt isn't stirred or disturbed, or you will lose it through the muslin. Put the yoghurt in a bowl and add the marinade ingredients and stir together.
3. Add the chicken to the bowl and coat in the marinade. Cover and leave in the fridge for 12 hours, or overnight.
4. When ready to make the sauce, heat the oil in a pan over a medium heat, add the whole spices and allow them to infuse in the oil for 30 seconds or so before adding the ginger and garlic paste, chilli powder and green chillies. Cook for a couple of minutes, turn the heat down to medium-low, add the tomatoes, then cover and cook until the sauce has reduced by a third and the oil has separated from the tomatoes (about 30 mins).
5. Remove the whole spices, then add the cream, butter, garam masala and fenugreek leaves. Season to taste with sugar and salt. Let it simmer as you cook the chicken.
6. Sear the marinated thighs in a hot pan for about 15 minutes until just cooked through, then add them to the sauce. Mix and adjust the seasoning, if required.
7. Just before serving, drizzle with cream and top with fresh coriander and ginger.

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INGREDIENTS

4tbsp yoghurt; caster sugar, to taste; 100g store-bought bhel mix; ½ red onion, finely diced; 1 green raw mango, finely diced; 4tbsp coriander chutney (see below); 4 pinches of chaat masala; 4tbsp tamarind & date chutney (see below); 80g store-bought sev; a small handful of coriander cress or finely chopped coriander leaves

For the coriander chutney (Makes 450g): 500g fresh coriander, stems and leaves; 200ml vegetable oil; a thumb-size piece of fresh ginger root; 4 garlic cloves, peeled; 2 green chillies; 6tbsp lemon juice; caster sugar, to taste; sea salt, to taste

For the tamarind and date chutney (Makes 900g): 500g tamarind paste; 2 cinnamon sticks; 1tsp black peppercorns; 2 fresh Indian bay leaves; 300ml water; 2tbsp Kashmiri red chilli powder; 4tbsp date puree or a handful of fresh dates; 200g jaggery or caster sugar

METHOD

1. Make the coriander



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until smooth. Once cool, store in sterilised jars in the fridge for up to two weeks.

3. Beat the yoghurt in a bowl and sweeten to taste with sugar. Set aside until ready to serve.

4. Put the bhel mix in a bowl, add the onion and mango, along with the coriander chutney and chaat masala. Mix well.

5. Spoon the mixture into mounds on four serving plates, then generously spoon over the yoghurt and tamarind and date chutney, leaving some yoghurt visible. 6. Sprinkle the sev, and top with the fresh coriander. Serve immediately as it will become soggy very quickly.

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HEALTH & LIFESTYLE

CHANCES are, this summer, you're probably going to see more men crying in pubs than you would at any other time of the year.

Why? Because it's the FIFA World Cup, and few things get more of an emotional response than football.

Even though comedians Romesh Ranganathan and Rob Beckett are big soccer fans and will no doubt be spending the next few weeks yelling at their TV screens, the big event has caused them to ask the question: Why are men happy to display their emotions over football, but not anything else?

Of course, there are generalisations at play here – it's not like women don't watch football and bottle up their emotions, and not every man is incapable of speaking about their feelings.

However, the sad fact of the matter is men are in the midst of a mental health crisis. Suicide is the biggest killer of men under 45 in the UK, and in 2015, 75% of all suicides were male.

Romesh and Rob are all too familiar with this reality, and they've come together to encourage men to talk about mental health, and ask their friends how they're doing. It could save so many lives.

Rob believes men just aren't given the right tools to express themselves.

"At school, you learn how to do Pythagoras, but not how to deal with your emotions," he laughs. This is a characteristic comment from the conversation – both comedians can obviously crack a joke, but they aren't downplaying the seriousness of the subject matter.

As archaic as it is, there's an enduring social pressure for men to be 'manly'. For some reason, this means bottling up emotions, wrongfully suggesting that getting help is a sign of weakness.

"When you look at the stereotypical male relationship, it's all banter and not genuinely sharing feelings," Romesh explains. "This can lead to men feeling unsure about expressing any genuine concerns they might have, and it arguably makes men less likely to check in on their mates and see if they're OK."

Romesh was shocked by the statistics on male suicide, and so teamed up with the Campaign Against Living Miserably (CALM) to encourage men to open up.

Romesh and Rob are admirably open about their personal experiences with mental health.

"When my friend took his own life, it was such a shock. I had absolutely no idea he was feeling like that," Rob says. "We were out the week before drinking and having the best time, so it came out of nowhere."

This made Rob realise just how damaging it is that men aren't discussing weighty issues with each other – he didn't know what his friend was going through.

"It's shocking that male suicide is such a big killer – way more so than the scaremongering things you see in the news," he says.

Romesh and Rob practice what

Men - talk about your feelings as much as you do about football

Comedians Romesh Ranganathan and Rob Beckett tell **PRUDENCE WADE** why they are backing a campaign to help men with their mental health



Romesh Ranganathan and Rob Beckett in the F&F x CALM charity T-shirts which are available now, in store at Tesco (£6, with £1 going to CALM)

mind every day, like you do with your body – it's like a muscle," he explains. "It's the same as running every day, or going to the gym."

For both comedians, it's not only important to address any issues early on, but to continually work on them. "If you finish running a marathon, you don't think you're then physically fit for the rest of your life," Rob laughs.

Romesh agrees with this, and says: "I regularly go through periods of stress. When I first started doing stand-up, my dad passed away and it was difficult for me to deal with, so I sunk into a bit of a depression."

"When I was told about mind exercises and mindful meditation, I was very sceptical. It didn't sound like the kind of thing I would be into at all, but I did actually find it helpful. I stopped doing it as soon as I felt better, but later on, when I felt worse, I realised I need to be on top of it all the time."

Both Romesh and Rob want to debunk the idea that talking about mental health is hard.

"Men don't really know what to say when someone's not feeling well," Rob says. "But in reality, all you've got to say is, 'You alright mate?' and start a conversation from there."

"Mental health is a big scary thing, but it's a bit more mundane and day-to-day than people think. There are different scales and levels to it."

Romesh nods his head and says: "People are actually looking for an opportunity to open up and talk. Sometimes, partly because of being British and partly because of being a bloke, you think, 'Oh, I'll talk about something else, because that will take their mind off it.'

Mental health is particularly taboo in certain communities. The charity Time To Change conducted a report into mental health within the South Asian community, and one participant said: "Close family try to keep it behind closed doors; they don't really want the wider community to know about it. I think they feel it's something to be ashamed of."

This is a sentiment Romesh agrees with, and he has to contend with how hard his gender and heritage make discussing mental health.

"When I was at uni, I went to counselling because I was struggling, and my mum got really freaked out," he says. "Culturally speaking, mental problems are seen as terrifying – if you're getting help, people think there must be something majorly wrong with you."

"South Asian communities understand physical health issues, but they're not as clued up with mental health issues – that's my impression from my upbringing."

Men, and all communities, need to talk more openly about these issues to break the stigma. At its core, Romesh believes the problem is that mental health is "just something that people aren't comfortable addressing."

■ F&F has teamed up with CALM (Campaign Against Living Miserably) on its #MarkYourMan campaign to promote male mental health and encourage men to support each other, as they would their team at the time of this World Cup.

they preach, and discuss their own struggles with mental health, and what they do to keep themselves healthy.

"When I first did I'm A Celebrity... I was really struggling with the pressure, because it's quite a high-profile show and I'd just started doing comedy," Rob says.

"I was feeling really down, so I went to the doctor. I went really early, because I'm an open person and can't keep a secret."

"I did some counselling and mindfulness meditation which really helped me, and I use this – to this day – to calm my mind down. If I hadn't gone early doors to the doctor, and

had carried on working or drinking through my issues, I don't think I'd be in such a good place as I am now."

Rob is aware that not everyone is like him and some can find seeking help more difficult, which is why he's working to normalise conversations around mental health.

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"The kitchen is open plan to the family room

with plenty of space for entertaining, plus three sizable reception rooms and downstairs cloakroom, there is too much to mention we recommend viewing to appreciate this truly wonderful home."

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YOUR HOME

Get the look of Love Island

The hit series' couples and dramas may be addictive - but **GABRIELLE FAGAN** has fallen for the decor

Tear your eyes away from the perma-tanned, ultra-toned singletons on TV's Love Island for just a second, and you'll notice the other star of the show this year...

The villa in Majorca, where the dramas and blossoming (or bombing) romances are being played out. "The most talked about reality TV show is back on our screens, but aside from the ever-changing couples and dramatic showdowns, Love Island's also creating a talking point when it comes to inspirational interiors," says Kasia Wiktorowicz, marketing communications manager for paint specialists, Valspar.

"The villa's undergone a refresh for this year's series, but returns with its staple pops of bright colours and tongue-in-cheek graphics. There's a dominant colour theme of blue, pink and orange to offset the bright white walls of the holiday home, with a new staircase featuring the zonal paint trend."

Inspired? Here's how to transform your home into a hotspot for summer.



Sasha turquoise velvet tassel cushion, £28-£35, Ragged Rose

Dream Big neon sign wall light, £59.99, Lights4Fun



Cocktails neon light, £70, Talking Tables

MAKE A SPLASH IN THE BEDROOM

Copy the villa's bedroom decor, inspired by its pool, and conjure your own holiday vibe – although its technicolor effect is probably best avoided if you're suffering from a hangover!

"The scheme reflects the villa's Mediterranean setting, and these shades together create a cool, calming atmosphere with a touch of fun – just what's needed with so many couples living under one

roof!" says Kasia. To bring an element of Love Island to your home, Valspar has bright pinks like Lovers' Secret, which you can team with pool-blue Tropical Tide, and orange Vitamin C, to emulate the fun and summery design of the villa without having to set foot outside of the UK."

Valspar Premium Blend v700 Walls & Ceilings paint range, is available from B&Q, from around £28 for 2.5L.



GET INTO THE LOVE ZONE

This is the area for truly chilling, with a turquoise blue carpet mimicking the pool, and an inside/outside feel thanks to the AstroTurf panels on the walls. Ample seating is a must for snuggling, and a big corner sofa and units will ensure there are enough seats for getting cosy – or keeping your distance if you're now wowed by someone's charms.



The living area in the villa



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PUT PASSION INTO THE PATIO

The pool and the patio are the settings for a parade of pecs and abs as the Love Island hopefuls strut their stuff, and the only kit that's really needed is sofas, loungers and bean bags.

Plastered on the walls throughout the villa are memorable phrases from last year's series, alongside stuff the islanders are likely to say as they banter. If you're not up on Love Island lingo, from 'melt' (an idiot) to 'grafting' (working hard to get someone to like you), simply spell out your message with a straightforward 'Love' sign!



The Love Island patio



Pappelina mono rug - grass
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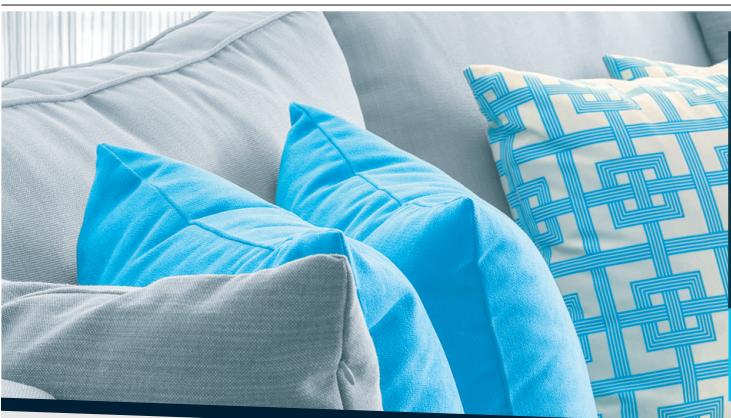
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YOUR GARDEN

With Diarmuid Gavin

Get ahead now before things mature with these extra colourful seasonal suggestions

Let's inject a riot of colour into our plots by using summer bedding. Although there is plenty flowering at the moment, with peonies, iris and roses at their peak, gardens can start to flag a bit as the summer goes on.

If you plant out summer bedding plants now, they will lift your spirits and bring flamboyance and perkiness to your garden in July, August and September.

In fact, many of these plants, if looked after well, will keep flowering until first frosts when they can then be discarded. Their disposable nature allows you to experiment with your planting, giving you freedom to change your colour scheme year on year.

They will dry out easily in their trays so the trick is to have your pots, containers or the ground ready prepared so they can go straight in.

Like all plants, they will perform better in well-prepared soil - dig out stones, weeds and add a loam-based John Innes compost if your soil is poor. Water the plug or small plants before and after planting, and maintain this regularly.

These plants are all about blossoms, so feed often with a liquid food high in potash - for example, tomato feed - to encourage flower production.

Avoid high-nitrogen feeds as these



Nicotiana sylvestris

Plant the rainbow

Cosmos



will encourage leafy growth at the expense of flowers.

Here are my top five bedding plants for this season:

1 NICOTIANA SYLVESTRIS (FLOWERING TOBACCO)

Don't be fooled by neat trays of bedding available at the moment, these South American beauties will grow as tall as 5ft!

They'll do well in moist soils and are handy for filling areas with partial shade.

The flowers are long skinny tubes opening to white starry petals and emit the most delicious fragrance when dusk falls.

Plant in pots near the patio or your favourite night-time spot in the garden - perfect on a balcony for apartment dwellers.

There's also a more compact version with lime-green flowers.



Snap dragon (*Antirrhinum majus*)

2 COSMOS

If you have a border that needs filling and you're not sure what to do with it, a good temporary and inexpensive solution for summer is to fill it with Cosmos.

It's an easy-to-grow half-hardy annual with lovely ferny foliage and tonnes of pink and white daisy-like flowers, with a long flowering season.

They make excellent cut flowers as well, so are handy for filling vases.

3 ANTIRRHINUMS

Better known as snapdragons, these are a great way of providing instant colour and filling gaps in borders.

Much loved by children for their open-and-snap-shut flowers, they are also a favourite with bees for their nectar.

Choose from tall elegant varieties such as 'Admiral White' or more compact ones like 'Black Prince', which has deep velvety red blooms.

Best in full sunshine.

4 IMPATIENS OR BUSY LIZZIES

These suffered a downturn in popularity due to their propensity for downy mildew.

However, breeders have been busy developing mildew-resistant New Guinea varieties to replace the much-loved plants.

They're so useful as they do well in



A pear tree

Make sure your efforts bear fruit...

■ Keep fruit bushes well-watered in dry spells to allow fruit to swell.

Plums, pears and apples can be thinned out now too. This happens naturally as well, but if you want bigger fruit, remove some of the smaller fruitlets.

■ Check brassicas (cabbages, broccoli, turnips, Brussels sprouts) for butterflies laying their eggs - often you will find them on the underside of leaves.

Remove these, as when

JOBS FOR THE WEEK

hatched as caterpillars they can completely exfoliate your plant.

■ Move citrus fruit outdoors for the summer.

■ Pop a few nasturtium seeds in the ground or pots for a cascade of flowers in late summer.

■ Consider installing a water barrel to conserve rainfall.

■ Continue successional sowing of salads, and sow cucumber, sweetcorn, squash, French, runner and broad beans outdoors.

■ Earth up potatoes. New potatoes may be ready to harvest, depending on when planted.

■ Prune spring-flowering deciduous shrubs, such as kerria, philadelphus, forsythia, ribes and weigela, as soon as they are finished flowering.



A philadelphus shrub



the shade, come in lipstick-bright shades of pink, red and purple, as well as white, and will quickly spread to give you a delightful carpet of colourful groundcover.

5 ZINNIAS

These love sun and heat, so make perfect plants if we are in for a long, dry summer.



They're easy to grow – you could still sow some direct in the ground now.

Otherwise you could get yourself a tray of the 'Zahara' series, which have extra big blooms, or try and get hold of my favourite, 'Purple Prince', for intense hues.

PLANT OF THE WEEK

CARDIOCRINUM GIGANTEUM

The Giant Himalayan is the largest of all lilies and certainly the most spectacular when in flower, which is usually around now.

It's a bulbous perennial and is best bought and planted in spring as a pre-potted bulb.

You will need to be patient as it can take a few years to build up and flower, but it is definitely

worth the wait. They can reach up to 3.5 metres, and from below you can admire the masses of large white trumpet blooms which emit a delicious vanilla fragrance.

This showstopper is best grown in humus-rich soil with a little shade – ideally a woodland-type setting to give protection from the wind and scorching sun.



ASK DIARMUID

Q My son has a newly laid turf lawn, but sadly has more wormholes than grass.

The worms have overtaken it completely. He has tried bracken, to no avail.

Can you give any expert advice as to what to do – please?

April McDonald

A Wormcasts may look unsightly, but the presence of earthworms is always a



The presence of earthworms is always a good sign for gardens

good sign. Underneath the lawn, they are conditioning

the soil, improving its structure and drainage.

They do tend to disappear underground in the summer, being more visible from September to March, so at this time of year, just brush off the dried wormcasts to improve the appearance of the lawn.

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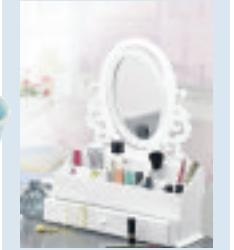


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- Chain Free
- Needs Modernisation
- EPC Rating: TBC



GUIDE PRICE £285,000 - £295,000
JOCELYN'S, OLD HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Mid Terrace
- Close To High Street
- Detached Garage
- Chain Free
- EPC Rating: F



£285,000
MILWARDS, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- End Of Terrace
- Large Corner Garden
- Lots Of Potential
- Dropped Kerb
- EPC Rating: TBC



£299,995
BARN MEAD, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Rear Extension
- No Work Required
- End Of Terrace
- Updated Throughout
- EPC Rating: D



£299,995
ELWOOD, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Two Bedrooms
- Mid Terrace
- Garage & Parking
- Immaculately Presented
- Kitchen / Diner
- EPC Rating: C



£299,995
HULL GROVE, HARLOW

- Three Bedroom
- Ground Floor Wc
- Backing On To Fields
- Kitchen/Diner
- End Of Terrace
- EPC Rating: TBC



£330,000
COBBINS WAY, OLD HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Good Size Garden
- Garage & Driveway
- Semi Detached
- EPC Rating: C



OIEO £340,000
MALKIN DRIVE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three Bedrooms
- Terraced Home
- Fully Refurbished
- High Specification
- Driveway Parking
- EPC Rating: C



£343,000
CHIPPINGFIELD, OLD HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Chain Free
- Popular Location
- Potential To Extend
- EPC Rating: TBC



£365,000
VICTORIA GATE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Garage & Driveway
- Two Receptions
- South Facing Garden
- EPC Rating: TBC



OIEO £375,000
PERRY LANE, NEWHALL

- Three Bedrooms
- High Spec Kitchen
- En Suite To Master
- Downstairs WC
- Off Street Parking For Two
- EPC Rating: B



£379,995
MULBERRY GREEN HOUSE, OLD HARLOW

- Duplex Apartment
- Conservatory
- Two Bedrooms
- Walking To Shops
- Allocated Parking
- EPC Rating: C



£385,000
BELFIELD GARDENS, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- End Terrace
- Driveway
- EPC Rating: D



£399,995
BROADFIELD, HARLOW

- Three Bedroom
- Semi Detached
- Cloakroom
- Lots Of Potential
- Semi Detached
- EPC Rating: TBC



£410,000
WHIELDON GRANGE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Link Detached
- Two Receptions
- Master With En Suite
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage & Parking
- EPC Rating: TBC



£440,000
THE CHASE, NEWHALL

- Four Bedrooms
- Studio Over Garage
- Two Receptions
- Two Bathrooms
- Parking & Parking
- EPC Rating: C



£530,000
HALL GREEN, LITTLE HALLINGBURY

- Four Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Two Garages
- Detached Cottage
- Chain Free
- EPC Rating: F



£550,000
THE CHASE, NEWHALL

- Four Bedrooms
- End Terrace
- Garage To Rear
- Three Bathrooms
- Office
- EPC Rating: C



£635,000
THE BARNES, OLD HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Gardens & Parking
- Courtyard Setting
- Two Bathrooms
- EPC Rating: E



£725,000
GREAT AUGER STREET, NEWHALL

- Four Bedrooms
- Three Receptions
- Bespoke Build
- Solar Energy
- Rain Water Harvesting
- EPC Rating: B



£895,000
GREAT AUGER STREET, NEWHALL

- Detached House
- Bespoke Build
- Double Garage
- Four Bedrooms
- Four Bathrooms
- EPC Rating: B



£895,000
LATTON COMMON, HARLOW

- Five Bedrooms
- Three Receptions
- Private Location
- Detached House
- Gated Entrance
- EPC Rating: C



£950,000
MULBERRY GREEN, OLD HARLOW

- Four Bedrooms
- Gardens & Studio
- Three Receptions
- Study / Playroom
- Fine Location
- EPC Rating: E



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£220,000

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Burtons Mill)
2 bedroom first floor apartment. Excellent investment opportunity with an approximate rent of £900 ppcm. Offered with no onward chain. Large sitting room with balcony. 5 mins walk to station. Keys available for viewings. Sole agents.



£294,950

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Bell Street)
Modern 2 bedroom cottage in a town centre location. Stone's throw from all local facilities including schools and train station. Open plan living space, 2 bedrooms, family bathroom, downstairs w.c., gas central heating, front garden, allocated parking. No onward chain.



£295,000

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Church Street)
2 double bedroom, 2 bathroom modern cottage. Situated in the village centre walking distance from all local facilities including train station. Vacant possession and no onward chain.



£345,000

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Northfield Road)
3 bedroom home with a large corner garden and scope to extend (stp). Sitting room, kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory, approximately 45ft rear garden, potential for driveway (stp). Sole agents.



£349,950

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (The Meadows)
Nicely presented 3 bedroom house with a brand new conservatory, brand new downstairs toilet, brand new heating and radiators, large living room, kitchen/breakfast room, good size garden and parking. Less than 5 mins walk to station. Must be viewed. Sole agents.



£380,000

LITTLE HALLINGBURY (Hatch Green)
3 bedroom semi-detached home with fantastic scope for further development (stp). Huge front and rear gardens, sitting room, kitchen/dining room, large utility, downstairs w.c., 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, driveway and parking. Sole agents.



£389,950

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (West Road)
3-4 bedroom townhouse with a 5 mins walk to the village centre and close to Mandeville school. Approximate 35ft south facing garden, open plan kitchen/family room, extended to rear, single garage, driveway and parking for 2 cars. Sole agents.



£425,000

SAWBRIDGEWORTH
Delightful Grade II listed 2-3 bedroom semi-detached cottage with a south facing garden, period features throughout and parking, 3 mins walk to station. Overflowing with charm and character. No onward chain. Sole agents.



£425,000

HATFIELD BROAD OAK
Rarely available detached 3 bedroom bungalow in this village centre location. Tucked away with a secluded south facing garden, gated parking area, re-painted throughout. Immediate vacant possession offered. No chain. Viewing highly recommended.



GUIDE PRICE £450,000

HATFIELD BROAD OAK (Cannons Lane)
2 bedroom detached bungalow in need of some modernisation and renovation. Good size sitting room, kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, family bathroom, separate dining room, conservatory, enclosed sunny rear garden, detached garage and parking. Vacant possession and no onward chain.



£470,000

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Parkway)
Beautifully presented 3 double bedroom family home with a large open plan living area with bi-folding doors onto garden, luxury kitchen and bathroom, west facing rear garden, garage and parking. Sole agents.



£529,950

HATFIELD BROAD OAK
Period 4 double bedroom cottage in this popular highly sought after village. 90ft garden backing onto farmland, garage, parking for 3 cars, overflowing with charm and character. Must be viewed to be fully appreciated. Sole agents.



£575,000

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Brook Road)
Deceptively spacious detached 5 bedroom chalet home. In need of cosmetic improvement. Offered with no chain. 3 reception rooms, 3 bath/shower rooms, 75ft south facing rear garden, in and out gravel driveway and larger than average garage. 2 mins walk to Pishillbury Park.



£599,960

HIGH RODING
4 bedroom period home with a garage/parking and a beautiful large garden backing onto farmland. Wealth of charm and character throughout with open fireplaces, exposed timbers, original flooring. Handmade kitchen, utility, living room, dining room, reception room 3, study/office. Vacant possession.



£645,000

SAWBRIDGEWORTH
Immaculate and ready to move into 3-4 bedroom detached chalet home with a large double garage/workshop (could convert to annexe), landscaped gardens, plenty of parking, stunning kitchen/family room with roof lantern and bi-folding doors, high quality bathroom. Short walk to town centre and station.



£699,950

STANSTED (Five Acres)
Large detached 6 bedroom home with a 100ft south west facing garden, detached double garage, parking for 4 cars, 3 large reception rooms, re-fitted kitchen/family room, double glazed. Quiet end of cul-de-sac location. No chain. Sole agents.



£725,000

LITTLE HALLINGBURY
With potential and a self-contained 1 bedroom annexe. 4 bedroom detached family home in a large plot with fantastic views and double garage. Huge potential (stp). Village centre location. No chain and vacant possession offered. Sole agents.



£749,950

HATFIELD HEATH
4-5 bedroom spacious home offering versatile accommodation with a 1 bedroom annexe. Magnificent master bedroom with en-suite shower room, approximate 170ft south facing rear garden, driveway for 6 cars and stunning views. Sole agents.



£750,000

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (The Forebury)
Offers considered. Brand new 4 bedroom home in this highly sought after town centre location. Short walk to station. 4 bedrooms, 3 large reception rooms, useful loft, 10 year NHBC guarantee. Room for garage (stp). Viewing highly advised. Sole agents.



£875,000

HATFIELD HEATH
Rarely available detached family home with a stunning kitchen/family room leading through to a sitting room. Bi-fold doors to rear patio, good size south facing garden, large frontage with plenty of parking, 2-re-fitted bath/shower rooms. Less than 5 mins to train station. Viewing highly recommended.



£650pcm

BRAINTREE (Coggeshall Road)
2 bedroom first floor, unfurnished, maisonette in the popular location of Coggeshall Road, only a short distance from shops and access to the A120. Entrance hall, shower room, two bedrooms, fitted kitchen and living room. Available now.



£675 pcm

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Hazel Gardens)
An unfurnished ground floor one bedroom apartment only a short walk from the mainline station and town centre, comprising bedroom with built-in storage cupboard, white bathroom suite, lounge/diner and kitchen. Double glazed throughout. Available immediately.



£775pcm

CHURCH LANGLEY (Aynsley Gardens)
Unfurnished one bedroom first floor apartment in a convenient location. Entrance hall with useful storage, good size living room opening to kitchen, double bedroom and bathroom. Outside there is one allocated parking space.



£995 pcm

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Burtons Mill)
A two bedroom first floor totally refurbished apartment only a short walk from the mainline station and town centre. The property comprises newly fitted kitchen, lounge/diner with balcony, newly fitted bathroom and two bedrooms. Use of communal gardens and ample parking. Unfurnished and available immediately.



£2750pcm

THAXTED (Dunmow Road)
A 2 bedroom family home providing period and contemporary living, only a short distance from Thaxted and Great Dunmow. Magnificent kitchen/breakfast/dining room. Large rear garden and ample parking. Available Mid September

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Glebelands, Harlow

- Three Double Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway
- Chain Free
- Premier Location

£499,995



The Chase, Newhall

- Detached Home
- Conservatory
- Quiet Cul-De-Sac
- EPC Rating: TBC

£450,000



Upper Park, Harlow

- Four Bedrooms
- Driveway
- Modern Kitchen/Diner
- Chain Free

£450,000



WESTBURY RISE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Four Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Kitchen/Family Room
- Conservatory
- Detached House
- Double Detached Garage
- Immaculate Home
- EPC Rating: D

£585,000



CHELSEA GARDENS, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Six Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- En-Suite Shower
- Garage & Drive
- Utility & W.C.
- Riptide Swim Spa
- EPC Rating: TBC

£549,995



WHALEBONE COTTAGES, HASTINGWOOD

- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Two Receptions
- Immaculate Home
- End Terrace Cottage
- Driveway
- Extended Property
- EPC Rating: D

£475,000



BURLEY HILL, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Conservatory
- Garage & Driveway
- Detached House
- Two En-Suites
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- EPC Rating: D

£464,995



DAVENPORT, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Four Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Conservatory
- Garage & Drive
- Detached House
- Dressing Room
- Two Bathrooms
- EPC Rating: C

£455,000



TICKENHALL DRIVE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Popular Location
- Garage & Driveway
- Detached Home
- En-Suite Shower
- Westerly Garden
- EPC Rating: D

£434,995



SUNNYCROFT, HARLOW

- Five Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Utility Room
- Two En-Suite Shower Rooms
- Detached House
- Driveway For 4/5 Cars
- Westerly Garden
- EPC Rating: TBC

£424,995



MULBERRY GREEN, OLD HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen
- Open Plan Living
- Parking Area
- End Of Terrace
- Pretty Cottage
- Private Location
- EPC Rating: B

£374,995



DENBY GRANGE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Chain Free
- Detached House
- Garage & Driveway
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D

£374,995



MALKIN DRIVE, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway
- Immaculate Home
- Kitchen/Diner
- Semi Detached
- Popular Location
- Ensuite To Master
- EPC Rating: TBC

£365,000



LATTON GREEN, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Driveway
- Two Receptions
- Chain Free
- Semi Detached
- Popular Location
- Potential To Extend (STPP)
- EPC Rating: TBC

£329,995



KEEFIELD, HARLOW

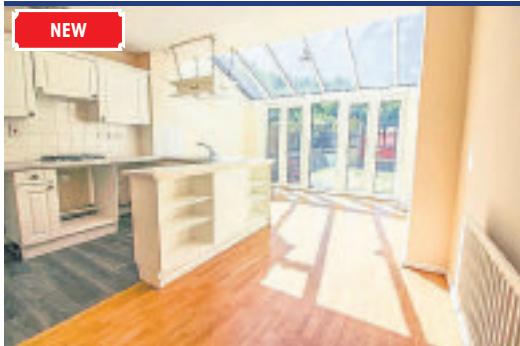
- Three Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway
- Desirable Location
- Kitchen/Diner
- Semi Detached Home
- Southerly Garden
- Quiet Cul-De-Sac
- EPC Rating: TBC

£325,000

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Davenport, Church Langley £290,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Immaculate Home
- Conservatory
- Parking To Front
- Mid Terrace
- Open Plan Layout
- CHAIN FREE
- EPC Rating: C



Pennymead, Harlow £289,995

- Three Bedrooms
- Large Driveway
- Kitchen Diner
- Well Presented
- Terraced Home
- Popular Location
- Southerly Garden
- EPC Rating: TBC



Red Willow, Harlow £199,995

- Two Bedrooms
- Well Presented
- Lounge/Diner
- Juliette Balcony
- First Floor Apartment
- Fitted Wardrobes
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC



RUNDELLS, HARLOW
CHAIN FREE £309,995



CLIFTON HATCH, HARLOW
£300,000



WOODING GROVE, HARLOW
CHAIN FREE £299,995



MALKIN DRIVE, CHURCH LANGLEY
£295,000



MARKWELL WOOD, HARLOW
£284,995



SYCAMORE FIELD, HARLOW
£279,995



THE HOO, OLD HARLOW
CHAIN FREE NEW PRICE £265,000



DAVENPORT, CHURCH LANGLEY
CHAIN FREE £269,995



LONG BANKS, HARLOW
£254,995



PRIMROSE FIELD, HARLOW
£250,000



MILWARDS, HARLOW
CHAIN FREE £249,995



RADBURN CLOSE, HARLOW
£249,995



...A Selection Of Homes From Our Sales Portfolio...

CHAIN FREE

**Lower Meadow, Harlow****£245,000**

- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Ground Floor WC
- Chain Free
- End Terrace House
- Popular Location
- Ideal Investment
- EPC Rating: TBC

CHAIN FREE

**Spruce Hill, Harlow****£244,995**

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Modern Bathroom
- Terraced House
- Close To Common
- Southerly Garden
- EPC Rating: D

NEW PRICE

**Shawbridge, Harlow****£232,500**

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Popular Location
- Chain Free
- Middle Terrace
- Ground Floor WC
- Southerly Garden
- EPC Rating: C

**Priory Court, Harlow****£229,995**

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Balcony
- Garage En-Bloc
- Private Apartment
- First Floor
- Modern Kitchen
- EPC Rating: C

**COALPORT CLOSE, CHURCH LANGLEY**

- Two Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- Lounge/Diner
- First Floor
- Apartment
- Popular Location
- Communal Garden
- EPC Rating: TBC

£215,000**THE CHASE, HARLOW**

- One Bedroom
- Decked Courtyard
- Open Plan
- Chain Free
- Apartment
- Ground Floor
- Allocated Parking
- EPC Rating: TBC

£195,000**Priory Court, Harlow****£224,995**

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Balcony
- Garage En-Bloc
- Private Apartment
- Top Floor
- Well Presented
- EPC Rating: TBC

**ALEXANDRA ROAD, HARLOW**

- Two Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- Open Plan Kitchen/Diner
- First Floor
- Apartment
- Popular Location
- Large Loft
- EPC Rating: TBC

£214,995**Chelsea Gardens, Church Langley****£219,995**

- Two Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- Balcony
- Well Presented
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

**MILESTONE ROAD, NEWHALL**

- Two Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- Open Plan Living
- Chain Free
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Popular Location
- Intercom Entry System
- EPC Rating: C

£214,995**REGENCY COURT, HARLOW**

- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Communal Garden
- Chain Free
- Ground Floor
- Apartment
- Residents Parking
- EPC Rating: D

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...A Selection Of Properties From Our Lettings Portfolio...



Langdale Street, Newhall

- Four Bedrooms
- Double Driveway
- Open Plan Living
- Available September 2018

£1,750 P.C.M



Upper Park, Harlow

- Detached House
- Popular Location
- Unfurnished
- EPC Rating: TBC

£1,595 P.C.M



Abbeydale Close, Church Langley £1350 P.C.M

- Semi Detached
- Driveway
- Modern Kitchen/Diner
- AVAILABLE NOW
- Close To Hospital
- EPC Rating: TBC
- Unfurnished

- End Terrace
- Available NOW
- Ground Floor WC
- EPC Rating: C



Meadow Lane, Newhall

- One Bedroom
- Furnished
- Modern Kitchen
- Parking Area

£1,000 P.C.M

- Detached Annex
- Shower Room
- Bills Included
- EPC Rating: TBC



Dadswold, Harlow

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Recently Redecorated
- Available Now

£895 P.C.M



Shawbridge, Harlow

- One Bedroom
- Available End Of June
- Overlooking Green
- Maisonette

£725 P.C.M

- First Floor
- Unfurnished
- Redecorated
- EPC Rating: C



ALBA ROAD, NEWHALL

- Three Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- Kitchen/Diner
- Unfurnished
- Middle Terrace
- Available NOW
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

£1,250 P.C.M



WILLOWFIELD, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Lounge/Diner
- Available Now
- End Terrace Bungalow
- Unfurnished
- White Goods Available
- EPC Rating: C

£1,250 P.C.M



RAM GORSE, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Close To Town
- Unfurnished
- Middle Terrace
- Sorry No DSS
- Available Early May
- EPC Rating: D

£1,200 P.C.M



CHURCH END, HARLOW

- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Ground Floor
- Unfurnished
- Apartment
- Available in February
- Open Garden
- EPC Rating: D

£775 P.C.M



MARKWELL WOOD, HARLOW

- One Bedroom
- Popular Location
- Available End Of June
- Allocated Parking
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Unfurnished
- Lounge/Diner
- EPC Rating: TBC

£725 P.C.M



SPRING HILLS TOWER, HARLOW

- One Bedroom
- Modern Kitchen
- White Bathroom Suite
- Own Balcony
- Fifth Floor
- Unfurnished
- Available Beg July 18
- EPC Rating: C

£675 P.C.M

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St. Johns Avenue
£450,000



Victoria Gate, Church Langley
£480,000



London Road
£1,250,000



Malkin Drive
£305,000

- Two Bedroom Mid-Terraced House
- En-Suite To Master Bedroom
- Off Street Parking For Two Cars
- Recently Decorated Throughout
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating Throughout
- E.P.C. Rating: D



Pytt Field
£325,000

- Three Bedroom Terraced House
- Allocated Parking
- Conservatory
- Rear Garden With Rear Access
- Downstairs WC
- E.P.C. Rating: C

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VIEWINGS ADVISED

Waterhouse Moor tower

- A One DOUBLE Bedroom Flat
- Sixth Floor
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- New Vaillant Boiler
- CHAIN FREE
- EPC Rating: Awaiting

£139,995

NEW PRICE

VIEWINGS ADVISED

Taylifers

- A One Bedroom First Floor Flat
- CHAIN FREE
- Potential Rental Of £700 Per Calendar Month
- Recently Refurbished Throughout
- Approx. 96 Years Remaining On The Lease
- EPC Rating: C

£140,000

VIEWINGS ADVISED

Canons Brook

- A Two Bedroom Mid - Terrace House
- Ground Floor Family Bathroom
- Approx. 120ft Secluded Rear Garden With Rear Access.
- Situated Within a Residential Cul - De - Sac
- Potential To Extend To The Rear (STPP)
- EPC Rating: D

£250,000

VIEWINGS ADVISED

Long Banks

- A Two Bedroom End Of Terrace House
- Two DOUBLE Bedrooms
- Utility Room
- Outbuilding With Power And Electric
- UPVC Double Glazed & Gas Central Heating Throughout
- EPC Rating: C

O.I.E.O £255,000

VIEWINGS ADVISED

Sibneys Green

- A Two Bedroom Semi - Detached House
- Private Driveway & Garage
- Larger Than Average Rear Garden
- Newly Fitted First Floor Family Bathroom
- Ideal For First Time Buyers, Investors and Home Movers
- EPC Rating: Awaiting

£269,995

VIEWINGS ADVISED

Westfield

- A Three Bedroom Semi - Detached House
- Situated In a Residential Cul - De - Sac
- Large Kitchen/ Diner
- Approx. 45ft Secluded Rear Garden
- First Floor Wet Room With A Walk In Shower
- EPC Rating: D

O.I.E.O £270,000

VIEWINGS ADVISED

Priory Court

- A Three Bedroom Mid Terrace Town House
- Private Driveway
- Two Family Bathrooms
- CHAIN FREE
- Secluded Rear Garden With Rear Access
- EPC Rating: F

O.I.R.O £275,000

VIEWINGS ADVISED

Dunstalls

- A Three Bedroom Mid - Terrace House
- Lounge Through Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Secluded Rear Garden With Rear Access
- Allocated Parking To Rear
- EPC Rating: D

O.I.E.O £280,000

VIEWINGS ADVISED

Sycamore Field

£264,995

- A Three Bedroom End Of Terrace House
- Open-Planned Kitchen/ Diner
- Secluded Rear Garden With Rear Access
- First Floor Family Bathroom
- Ideal For First Time Buyer, Home Movers or Investors
- EPC Rating: B

NEW INSTRUCTION

Fennells

£290,000

- A Three Bedroom Mid - Terrace House
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden & Front Garden
- Kitchen/ Diner
- Close Proximity Of The Local Shops And School
- Downstairs Shower Room & First Floor Family Room
- EPC Rating: C

HOME STYLE



Fonteyn side table, £199, Made.com



Pendant light, £65, Cox & Cox (coxandcox.co.uk)



Speaker, £14.99, TK Maxx (tkmaxx.com/uk/en)



Salisbury sofa, £479.99, Argos (argos.co.uk)



Rug, £100, House by John Lewis (johnlewis.com)



Hemnes media unit, £149, Ikea (ikea.com)

MODERN MANCAVE

Creating a masculine space in your home doesn't have to mean a dark recess with a dartboard on the wall. Contemporary bolt holes for blokes are chic, not bleak... as **OCTAVIA LILLYWHITE** discovers

Trinket box, £12, Sainsbury's Home (sainsburys.co.uk/shop/gb/groceries/home)



Hanging plant, £25, Marks & Spencer (marksandspencer.com)

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Faux plant, £39.99, HomeSense (homesense.com)



Coffee table, £180, lack-by-design.co.uk



Footstool, £299.99, Argos



Record player, £79.95, GPOretro.com



White brick wallpaper, £8, Wilko (wilko.com)



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COALPORT CLOSE, CHURCH LANGLEY £385,000

- THREE BED DETACHED
- GARAGE & DRIVEWAY
- EN-SUITE
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- GAS HEATING
- UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWS
- POPULAR LOCATION
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£225,000
Coalport Close, Church Langley



Large Layout

Guardian are delighted to offer this good sized affordable three bedroom family home. This three bedroom terraced house with a downstairs W/C, could be the one for you? The house would suit a first time buyer looking to get on the property ladder or a buy to let investor. EPC: D

£239,999
Barley Croft, Harlow

£239,999
Berecroft, Harlow



Ideally located for easy access to the M11 junction, two bedroom terraced property in the popular Potter Street area of Harlow. The property boasts two large double bedrooms, a modern fitted galley kitchen and large through lounge. EPC: C

£249,995
Pottersfield, Harlow



New Instruction

Guardian are delighted to present this two bedroom end of terrace house with DRIVE for two cars; two large DOUBLE bedrooms and LARGE garden. Lounge leading into garden through patio doors. Great location, only ten minute walk to the station. EPC: E

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Guardian are delighted to present a two bedroom house in the rarely available private area of Glan Avon Mews. Quiet cul-de-sac location, close to M11 and local amenities. Private parking and low maintenance garden. EPC: C

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Glan Avons Mews, Harlow



Located in the award winning development of New Hall, Harlow, Guardian have the privilege to present a rare opportunity to acquire a mid terrace two bedroom property. Allocated parking, two large double's and perfect for a family. EPC: C

£290,000
Alba Road, New Hall



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Sold Similar Required

£280,000

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- Mid Terrace
- Double Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating

- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Modern Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Large Lounge Diner
- Conservatory



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OIEO £145,000

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OIEO £147,000

Throughout

- One Bedroom
- Top Floor Flat
- Communal Parking
- Large Lounge
- Double Bedroom
- Fitted Kitchen
- Well Presented



New Price

GUILFORDS

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- Three Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Lounge
- Double Bedrooms

- Family Bathroom
- Downstairs WC
- Close to Train Station



LOWER MEADOW

£250,000

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- End of Terrace
- Through Kitchen/Diner
- Sitting Room
- Downstairs
- Cloakroom
- Hard Landscaped Garden
- Front of Development



VICARAGE WOOD

£260,000

- Two Bedroom Home
- Kitchen & Utility Area
- Rear Garden
- Approximately 40ft
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Close to all Amenities
- Viewing Recommended



HATFIELD HEATH

OIRO £220,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Top Floor Apartment
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- Two Good Size Bedrooms
- Lounge 12'1 x 18'3
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- South Facing

- Set on Private Road



WHARLEY HOOK

£275,000

- Two Double Bedroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Good Size Rear Garden
- Modern Fitted

- Kitchen & Bathroom
- Walking Distance to Local School
- NO ONWARD CHAIN



THE DOWNS

£275,000

- Extended Two Bedroom Mid Terrace Home
- Fitted Wardrobes to both Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Area

- Utility Area
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- No Onward Chain
- Approx 100' Rear Garden



SOPER SQUARE

£279,000

- Two Bedrooms
- First Floor Apartment
- Two Bathrooms
- Balcony
- Large Lounge/Diner
- Popular New Hall Development

- Allocated parking
- Space



BARN MEAD

£289,950

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- Mid Terrace
- High Spec
- Conservatory
- Double Glazing
- Modern Fitted

- Kitchen
- Bathroom & Separate WC
- Gas Central Heating
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- Well Presented Throughout
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- Close to Local Amenities
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- Family Bathroom



OLD HARLOW Guide price £300,000

- Two Bedroom Chalet Bungalow
- Semi-Detached
- Chain Free
- Large Garden
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazed
- Allocated Parking Space



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- CHAIN FREE
- Semi-Detached
- Off Street Parking
- Garage
- Double Glazing Throughout
- Gas Central Heating



New Price

Hare Street Springs

£450,000

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Unique Property

- Single Garage & Driveway
- Two Rear Gardens
- Close to All Amenities



TORKILSDEN WAY Guide price £360,000

- Three Bedroom Home
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Kitchen Diner
- Lounge
- Converted Garage
- Allocated Parking



OLD HARLOW £379,950

- Three Bedrooom Detached Home
- Heart of Old Harlow
- No onward Chain
- Easy Access to all Amenities
- Good Size Lounge
- En-Suite Shower Room to Master Bedroom
- Nearly Enclosed Courtyard Style Rear Garden



FINCHMOOR £380,000

- Three Bedroom Semi detached House
- Large Lounge Diner
- Garage & Drive
- Potential to Extend (subject to planning)
- Good Size Garden
- Double Glazed
- Close to all Local Amenities



NAZEING OIEO £450,000

- Three/Four Bedroom Property
- Potential for loft conversion (subject to planning)
- Parking for five vehicles
- Double Glazing & GCH
- Spacious Lounge & Dining area
- Family friendly rear garden
- Two annexes in garden area offering both living areas



MALKIN DRIVE £450,000

- Four Bedroom Family Home
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Double Glazing
- Ensuite to Master Bedroom
- Garage & Drive
- Close to All Amenities
- Lounge



SAWBRIDGEWORTH OIEO £459,950

- Three/four Bedroom Town House
- Semi-Detached
- Large Lounge 22'6 x 12'8
- Kitchen & Utility
- Bathroom & Downstairs Shower Room
- Rear Garden approx 45' in length
- Popular Location



CHURCH LANGLEY OIRO £499,995

- Four/Five Bedroom Detached Home
- Garage Conversion
- Conservatory
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Driveway for Multiple Vehicles
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Close to all Local Amenities



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- Unique Four Bedroom Bungalow
- Large Drive & Double Garage
- Lounge & Dining Room
- En-suite to Master Bedroom
- Easy Access to Harlow & Epping
- Good Sized Garden
- Gas Central Heating



New Price

Greenfinch Way, New Hall

OIEO £431,000

- Four Bedroom Detached Home
- Large Kitchen Diner
- Lounge
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Modern Fitted Bathroom
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Garage



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- Close To Shops & Schools
- Conservatory
- No Pets
- No Smokers
- Available August 2018
- EPC Rating D
- * Admin Fees Apply



BROMLEY CLOSE £900 PCM

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WHEELS

ROAD TEST: VW up! GTi 1.0-litre TSI 114bhp six-speed manual five-door by David Ward

AT A GLANCE

Model:	Volkswagen up! GTi TSI
114bhp five-door	
Price:	£13,335
Mechanical:	114bhp, 999cc, 3cyl turbocharged petrol engine driving front wheels via 6-speed manual gearbox
Max speed:	122mph
0 to 62mph:	8.8 seconds
Combined mpg:	58.9
Insurance Group:	17
CO2 emissions:	110g/km
BIK rating:	23%
Warranty:	3 years/60,000



UP! GETS SPORTY

Volkswagen's continued ability to turn up trumps with their now renowned sporty GTi badge on their hatchback cars has become something of a phenomenon and the envy of rival car makers.

It all started with the Golf GTi back in 1976 and then the same sporty treatment was subsequently passed on to the Polo and Lupo before now for the first time being dished out to their ultra city car, the up!

Fashions and motorists' tastes may change over the years but the mention of another VW GTi version immediately conjures up what the Golf started all those years back and clearly still enjoyed by drivers.

The dinky up! city car is the latest VW to receive the GTi treatment and like its predecessors it won't disappoint because out on the road it's genuinely fun to drive, free-revving and entertaining with a sporty performance but crucially affordable to buy and run.

The three-door comes in at a competitively priced £13,750 and the expected more popular five-door costs £14,150 and both have a super turbocharged

three-cylinder 999cc 114bhp engine under the bonnet.

With a short-gated and swift feeling six-speed manual gearbox - perhaps disappointingly for some there's no DSG option - for a little car the engine is really responsive when accelerating with good road composure and offering excellent grip too around tight, twisty country lanes.

It naturally has a firmed up suspension with uprated dampers and sits 15mm lower over the non-GTi models but the engine provides plenty of torque, sits on 17-inch alloy wheels and it has a 8mm wider track too.



Remarkably VW claim its dimensions, kerb weight and performance basically align to that original Golf GTi of the Seventies.

This sporty up! looks the business too with the now famous GTi body styling like double side stripes and red trim strips along with Oswald GTi alloy wheels, tartan Jacara fabric interior, GTi sill panel trim, multi-function steering wheel along with lots of interior red stitching, matt chrome and GTi logos everywhere.

There's a five-inch infotainment screen providing the basics like radio, phone, Bluetooth and the like plus there's a cradle frame sitting in the middle and on top of the dashboard for the driver's own smartphone and there's a USB socket again for more connectivity while the overall ergonomics of the car are good.

The up! Even in GTi form remains a two-adult sized car really with those rear seats more suited to small children while the luggage space is just 251 litres which can be increased to 959 litres with those rear seats folded.

In terms of fuel economy the up! GTi is like any small, sporty car it depends on how the driver reacts behind the steering wheel in everyday driving conditions -

driven economically (which is not what this car is all about!) then the official the 58.9 mpg combined can be achieved.

Most drivers will probably find the average up in the high 40mpg mark as on test - overall it was 46.8mpg - which is fine because it really is a car to driven in a spirited manner to gain the most fun from the whole experience.

It's a cleverly, well packaged little city car that delivers the GTi performance most drivers would expect on the day.

Standard equipment levels are impressive too with anti-lock braking, electronic stability control, hill hold function, plenty of airbags, electric front windows, heated front seats and electrically operated and heated wing mirrors amongst others.

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WHEELS

TEST DRIVE: Mazda MX-5



MAZDA'S TRACK STAR

Back in 1989 I drove the Mazda MX-5 for the first time and found it to be everything a roadster should be.

It was light, agile, sharp and huge fun and almost 30 years later it still has the ability to put a smile on my face.

Now in its fifth generation the MX-5 may not be as basic or as light as it once was – thanks to modern safety features and generous equipment – but it still entertains like nothing else can for the money.

I travelled to Silverstone to try out two of the latest limited edition models that Mazda UK has to offer on the Stowe track and on the twisting country roads that surround the famous circuit.

The first car I sampled was the Z-Sport version and only 300 of them are available for sale in this country.

Exclusive styling tweaks make the Z-Sport stand out from the crowd with its

Machine Grey metallic paint and contrasting cherry red fabric roof. There is also 17-inch gloss black BBS alloy wheels to further enhance the appeal.

Inside, the car has a numbered Z-Sport plaque on the dash plus Z-Sport scuff plates and floor mats. The seats and dash are upholstered in nice sand coloured leather and this really gives the roadster a special feel.

The Z-Sport is based on the range-topping 2.0-litre Sport Nav model so that means you get 158 bhp, a limited-slip differential and Bilstein dampers to make driving fun and you also get all the standard equipment that comes with the car including heated seats, navigation and an excellent Bose sound system.

Following some revisions announced at the end of last year all MX-5s now have even sharper steering and improved rear suspension.

This 2.0-litre soft-top I

think is the best combination for MX-5 and although it may not be as fast as some hot hatchbacks it is unrivalled for fun. It takes 7.3 seconds to reach 62mph and is capable of over 130mph and has a claimed combined 40.9mpg figure.

Its four-cylinder free revving engine provides a nice soundtrack with the roof down and the sweet

gearshift has to be the best on the market. It may not have blistering power but its perfect 50:50 weight distribution more than makes up for that and nothing in the same money bracket corners as well as an MX-5.

On the track it handled superbly with 90mph achievable on the short straight before you had to hit

the brakes for the next corner. Out on the road it was just as much fun and with the sun shining an ideal companion.

At £25,610 the Z-Sport only costs a few hundred more pounds on the car it is based and I think it would be money well spent.

Some 500 Sport Black models are also currently available and this car is

based on the RF SE-L Nav model. This means that you get the hard-top folding roof – Retractable Fastback – and some extra equipment.

Don't be fooled by the Sport Black name though because the car is finished in Eternal Blue Mica paint – only the rear spoiler, wheels and shark fin antenna are finished in black.

The extra goodies added to this car include the rear spoiler, rear parking sensors, dusk sensing lights, black leather seats, scuff plates, Sport Black floor mats and interior badging and metallic paint.

At £25,695 it is also very good value but I have to say that I would opt for the Z-Sport if given the choice.

Late in the day I also managed to get a shot in a Mark One MX-5 with its pop-up headlights, 1.6 engine, five-speed gearbox and very little else. No power steering or toys in this car but it still felt great and I would have gladly taken it home.



WHEELS

ROAD TEST: SEAT Leon 5dr FR Technology 1.4 EcoTSI 150ps by Ian Johnson

FRUGAL BUT FUN LEON

SEAT, the Spanish arm of the giant Volkswagen Audi empire has always concentrated on motoring on the sunny side of the street, a philosophy that certainly applies to its Leon range.

The Leon is the company's Golf sized model, a car which has lent itself to sporty treatment from the outset.

The car is now in its third generation and one model in its fast FR range has mastered the trick of combining frugality with fun.

The five-door FR technology 1.4 EcoTSI 150PS is something of a showcase of what SEAT has achieved in recent times.

For instance, a top speed of 134mph and a 0-62mph sprint of eight seconds is no idle boast but when you couple the fact to this petrol-powered car's combined mpg readout of 57.6mpg

then a profile of a rather special vehicle emerges.

Much of the secret of its capabilities lie with the 1.4 four-cylinder turbocharged engine which features cylinder deactivation to help save fuel when cruising but more than enough power to kick in when required.

In addition to the fuel economy the CO₂ emissions are at a comfortably low 111 g/km.

SEAT has seen astronomical improvements in build quality over the years and in this model it is sky high. It feels like a Golf on the road which is no bad thing. Interestingly the Golf is one of its competitors, albeit in house.

At £22,005, this Leon in FR Technology trim is stacked with goodies such as LED headlights, power-folding door mirrors, passenger lumbar adjustment, parking sensors, and sports seats. It also features bigger 17-inch

alloy wheels and modified bumpers.

The car uses the same platform as the Audi A3, Skoda Octavia and Golf itself, and is one of the most spacious cars in its class despite having a shorter wheelbase.

Independent rear suspension and stiffer springs and dampers provide a more engaging drive, making this car punch far above its weight in the enjoyment department.

This latest model also offers a wide range of new technology including the wireless charger, traffic jam assist and traffic sign recognition. The electronic parking brake allows room for the phone charger to be situated on the central console.

It is the sort of car that balances the priorities of head and heart and is one of those sets of wheels that will never become boring.



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ROAD TEST: Alfa Romeo Stelvio Q4 Super BY Jon Smith

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- Model: Alfa Romeo Stelvio Q4 Super
- Price: £38,490
- Mechanical: 207bhp, 2,143cc, 4cyl diesel engine driving four wheels via automatic gearbox
- Max speed: 134mph
- 0-62mph: 6.6 seconds
- Combined mpg: 58.9
- Insurance group: 30
- CO2 emissions: 127g/km
- BIK rating: 30%
- Warranty: 3 years/60,000 miles

THE long-levelled moan about today's cars is they all look the same. Well, Alfa Romeo can pat itself on the back here. With that famous upright grille and creamy, flowing lines most models can be recognised from at least one hundred paces.

None more so than the Stelvio, the Italian marque's first foray into the SUV market.

Like its saloon brethren, the five-door four-wheel-drive (4WD) has an elegance and an originality of design that makes it stand out from rivals.

Of course, good looks alone won't guarantee success and as a late comer to the crossover club, the Stelvio has much to prove and plenty of ground to make up against competitors such as Audi Q5, BMW X3, Mercedes GLC and Jaguar F-Pace.

There's the usual choice between petrol and diesel powered models, with the latter expected to draw most attention.

The version I drove was the 2.2-litre with 207bhp



turbo diesel engine, a lively yet extremely economical choice that leads the way over rivals in terms of punchy acceleration allied to meagre thirst.

The diesel engine is a tad grumpy and growly at low revs and certainly lacks the sweet harmony of a six-cylinder petrol, but then it is an oil burner. On the move, things smooth out and the mid range punch plus mile-stretching economy tend to help make up for the early commotion.

As an indication of its superior clout the Stelvio dispatches the 62mph sprint in just 6.6 seconds, a full second or so quicker than most similar SUVs and the official combined economy is 58.9mpg, making it cheaper than most to run.

It's very much a driver's car with well-damped suspension, restricted roll angles and sharper than average steering. Maybe the ride isn't quite as settled and compliant as an F-Pace but it's not far behind.

It has a constant four-wheel-drive system with the majority of the power being directed to the rear wheel most of the time. The result is crisp, sharp reactions with an accent on sportiness.

An eight-speed automatic gearbox is standard and works a treat thanks to smooth almost unnoticeable changes. Play with the steering wheel paddles if you feel in a sporty mood.

The cabin on the Q4 Super is smart and nicely trimmed in leather with ample

stowage space, deep pockets and cubbies and plenty of flat surfaces useful for resting stuff during family picnics on rainy days.

A large 8.8-inch touch screen that incorporates sat nav is set high in the centre of the facia and a couple of big round dials – very traditional – are directly in front of the driver. The layout is appealing and usable, and appears appropriately durable.

Space-wise, the cabin measures up well to rivals with comfortable room for

four adults, or even five if necessary. The rear seats split and fold 60-40 for extra versatility and there's 525 litres of cargo room available with a full payload of passengers.

Rear head height is slightly restricted by the sloping roof but there's ample clearance for six-footers nevertheless.

Priced to challenge the more established competition, the Stelvio is a welcome fresh face in a talented sector. Definitely worth a close look, especially if you love driving.

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TEST DRIVE: Mazda MX-5

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Back in 1989 I drove the Mazda MX-5 for the first time and found it to be everything a roadster should be.

It was light, agile, sharp and huge fun and almost 30 years later it still has the ability to put a smile on my face.

Now in its fifth generation the MX-5 may not be as basic or as light as it once was – thanks to modern safety features and generous equipment – but it still entertains like nothing else can for the money.

I travelled to Silverstone to try out two of the latest limited edition models that Mazda UK has to offer on the Stowe track and on the twisting country roads that surround the famous circuit.

The first car I sampled was the Z-Sport version and only 300 of them are available for sale in this country.

Exclusive styling tweaks

make the Z-Sport stand out from the crowd with its Machine Grey metallic paint and contrasting cherry red fabric roof. There is also 17-inch gloss black BBS alloy wheels to further enhance the appeal.

Inside, the car has a numbered Z-Sport plaque on the dash plus Z-Sport scuff plates and floor mats. The seats and dash are upholstered in nice sand coloured leather and this really gives the roadster a special feel.

The Z-Sport is based on the range-topping 2.0-litre Sport Nav model so that means you get 158 bhp, a limited-slip differential and Bilstein dampers to make driving fun and you also get all the standard equipment that comes with the car including heated seats, navigation and an excellent Bose sound system.

Following some revisions announced at the end of last

year all MX-5s now have even sharper steering and improved rear suspension.

This 2.0-litre soft-top I think is the best combination for and MX-5 and although it may not be as fast as some hot hatchbacks it is unrivalled for fun. It takes 7.3 seconds to reach 62mph and is capable of over 130mph and has a claimed combined 40.9mpg figure.

Its four-cylinder free revving engine provides a nice soundtrack with the roof down and the sweet gearshift has to be the best on the market. It may not have blistering power but its perfect 50:50 weight distribution more than makes up for that and nothing in the same money bracket corners as well as an MX-5.

On the track it handled superbly with 90mph achievable on the short straight before you had to hit the brakes for the next



corner. Out on the road it was just as much fun and with the sun shining an ideal companion.

At £25,610 the Z-Sport only costs a few hundred more pounds on the car it is based and I think it would be money well spent.

Some 500 Sport Black models are also currently available and this car is based on the RF SE-L Nav model. This means that you get the hard-top folding roof

– Retractable Fastback – and some extra equipment.

Don't be fooled by the Sport Black name though because the car is finished in Eternal Blue Mica paint – only the rear spoiler, wheels and shark fin antenna are finished in black.

The extra goodies added to this car include the rear spoiler, rear parking sensors, dusk sensing lights, black leather seats, scuff plates, Sport Black floor mats and

interior badging and metallic paint.

At £25,695 it is also very good value but I have to say that I would opt for the Z-Sport if given the choice.

Late in the day I also managed to get a shot in a Mark One MX-5 with its pop-up headlights, 1.6 engine, five-speed gearbox and very little else. No power steering or toys in this car but it still felt great and I would have gladly taken it home.

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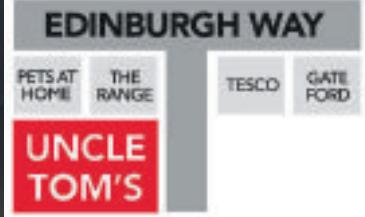
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- (viii) construction of four slips roads to provide access to and from the M11 Motorway in all directions.
- (ix) construction of four surface water attenuation ponds with drains and surface water collectors.
- (x) the construction of other highways, the improvement of existing highways and the provision of new means of access to premises and land in pursuance of The Essex County Council (Gilden Way/Sheering Road (B183) Improvement/Widening/ Realignment, A1025 (New Link Road from B183 to M11) Scheme (Classified Road) (Side Roads) Order 2018.

Copies of the Order and map referred to therein have been deposited and may be seen at all reasonable hours from 21 June 2018 to 15 July 2018 at Essex County Council, Council Offices, Chelmsford Library, Ground Floor, County Hall, Market Road, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH, Harlow District Council, The Civic Centre, The Water Gardens, Harlow, CM20 1WG, Epping Forest District Council, Civic Offices, 323 High Street, Epping, Essex, CM16 4BZ, St John's Arts & Recreation Centre, St John's Walk, Market Street, Old Harlow, Essex, CM17 0AJ and Central Library, Cross Street, Harlow, CM20 1HA.

Any objection to the Order must be made in writing and addressed to the Secretary of State for Transport, c/o The National Transport Casework Team, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7AR before 15 July 2018 and should state the grounds of objection, the objector's address and interests in the land and the title of the Order.

SCHEDULE – land and rights over land to be acquired

Plot number	Description
2	86 square metres, land to the south of Gilden Way, east of London Road roundabout. Land is currently part of a grassed field.
3	8505 square metres, land to the south of Gilden Way. The disused Mulberry Green Nursery site with some hard paved areas and internal tracks.
4	2468 square metres of land to the south of Gilden Way. Land is currently part of a field with some vegetation.
5	345 square metres of land to the north of Gilden Way. Land is currently part of a field with some vegetation and trees.
6	1238 square metres of grassland with a hedgeline to the south of Gilden Way, east of Sheering Drive.

- 7 479 square metres of land to the north of Gilden Way and north-west of Churchgate roundabout. Land is currently part of an open grassed field adjacent to the highway.
- 7A 1622 square metres of land to the north of Gilden Way and north-east of Churchgate roundabout. Land is currently part of an open grassed field adjacent to the highway.
- 8 2137 square metres of land located south of Gilden Way and west of Churchgate roundabout. Land is an open vegetated field adjacent to the highway with some trees.
- 9 2341 square metres of land located on the east of Churchgate Roundabout. Land is part of an area of grassed playing fields, located north of a hard landscaped parking area.
- 10 380 square metres of land located south of Gilden Way and north of Sheering Road. Land is part of a vegetated strip between a public field and the highway.
- 11 1596 square metres of grassed field located south of Sheering Road and west of Mayfield Farm.
- 12 500 square metres of land located at the access of Mayfield Farm. Land includes current hard-paved access to Mayfield Farm, adjoining vegetated field to the south and part of the car park to the east of Gilden Way.
- 12A 88 square metres of hard paved land located on the access to Mayfield Farm.
- 13 46850 square metres of arable land at Mayfield Farm and Feltimores Farm, Harlow. Land is currently grassed or vegetated.
- 14 24364 square metres of arable land at Mayfield Farm and Feltimores Farm, Harlow. Land is currently grassed or vegetated.
- 15 595 square metres of grassed verge to the east of Sheering Road and south of Pincey Brook. Land is currently grassed or wooded.
- 15A 1765 square metres of protected woodland to the east of Sheering Road, south of the Pincey Brook. Land currently has mature trees, subject to Tree Protection Order.
- 16 5363 square metres of arable land to the east of Sheering Road and south of Pincey Brook. Land is currently grassed or vegetated.
- 17 28790 square metres of arable land to the south of Garden Care Tree Services. Land is currently grassed or part of a vegetated farmland.
- 17A 6694 square metres of arable land at Mayfield Farm and Feltimores Farm, Harlow. Land is currently grassed or vegetated.
- 18 16688 square metres of arable land to the south of Garden Care Tree Services and west of M11 motorway. Land is currently grassed or part of a vegetated farmland.
- 19 5578 square metres of arable land lying to the east of Sheering Road, Harlow. Land is currently grassed or part of a vegetated farmland.
- 20 20360 square metres of arable land lying to the east of Sheering Road, Harlow. Land is currently grassed or part of a vegetated farmland.
- 20A 27036 square metres of arable land to the west of the M11 motorway, north of Matching Farm. Land is currently grassed or part of a vegetated farmland.
- 21 1115 square metres of arable land located to the east of M11 motorway north of Moanhall Wood. Land is currently grassed or part of a vegetated farmland.
- 22 2274 square metres of arable land to the west of M11 motorway. Land is currently grassed or part of a vegetated farmland.
- 23 5770 square metres of arable land to the west of M11 motorway. Land currently is currently a vegetated farmland with a hedgeline bordering the M11 motorway.
- 24 12161 square metres of arable land to the west of M11 motorway and south of Pincey Brook. Land is currently grassed or part of a vegetated farmland.
- 25 146 square metres of arable land located east of M11 motorway, north of Matching Road. Land is currently a vegetated field.
- 26 26170 square metres of arable land located east of M11 motorway, north of Matching Road. Land is currently part of a vegetated farmland.
- 27 10241 square metres of arable land located east of M11 motorway, north of Matching Road. Land is currently part of a vegetated farmland.
- 28 2789 square metres of arable land located east of M11 motorway, north of Matching Road. Land is currently part of a vegetated farmland.
- 29 3537 square metres of arable land located to the east of M11 motorway, south of Pincey Brook. Land is currently part of a vegetated farmland.
- 30 7830 square metres of arable land located to the east of M11 motorway, south of Pincey Brook. Land is currently part of a vegetated farmland.

Dated 21 June 2018

Paul Turner, Director for Legal and Assurance, Essex County Council, Floor 6, Seax House Victoria Road South, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH

Public Notices

Essex County Council

**(Various Roads, District of Harlow)
(Parking and Waiting) (Amendment No. 9) Order 2018**

Notice is hereby given that the Essex County Council has made the above Order under Sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49, 53 and Parts III and IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Effect of the order: To introduce a 'Disabled Badge Holders Only' restriction on the following length of Hobtoe Road in the District of Harlow:

Road Description

Hobtoe Road, North-West Side: From a point approximately 10 metres north east of its junction with Canons Gate, north eastwards for approximately 4.9 metres.

The District Of Harlow (On Street) (Waiting, Loading and Parking) (Consolidation) Order 2011 will be amended by substituting tile number TL430 105 revision 2 to revision 3.

Date of operation: The Order will come into operation on **29 June 2018**.

Further details: A copy of the Order and plans may be examined during normal office hours at County Hall, Chelmsford CM1 1LX.

Application to the high court: Anyone who wishes to question the validity of the Order of any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act, or any instrument made under it, has not been complied with in relation to the Order, may within six weeks from the date of the making of the Order apply to the High Court for this purpose.

Dated: 28 June 2018

Essex County Council, Network Assurance, A2 Annex, Seax House, Victoria Road South, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1QH

Telephone: 0345 603 7631

Website: www.essex.gov.uk/highways

**(Various Roads, District of Harlow)
(Temporary Prohibition of Traffic & Clearway) (No.4)
Order 2018**

Notice is hereby given that the Essex County Council intends, not less than seven days from the date of this notice to make the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Effect of the order:

To temporarily close the various lengths of road in the District of Harlow as specified in the schedule to this Order.

A temporary 'No Stopping' restriction will be introduced on both sides of carriageway on the above lengths of roads for the duration of the closure to facilitate the works. Signs will be installed indicating when the No Stopping restriction will be in force.

"The District of Harlow (On Street) (Waiting, Loading and Parking) (Consolidation) Order 2011" will be temporarily amended to include the temporary 'No Stopping at Any Time' restriction and suspend any existing parking and waiting restrictions on the above lengths of roads only. All other restrictions and exemptions contained in the aforementioned Order and Amendments to that Order shall remain in force.

The works being undertaken will take place within an 18-month period from 5th July 2018, exact dates will be specified on <http://roadworks.org/>. The roads will be closed to facilitate each phase and then re-opened to the public. Access will be maintained for emergency services. Diversion routes will be signed at each location and residents will be informed of the dates of each phase via letter/leaflet drop and advanced warning signs on the road.

For all enquiries please contact our Contact Centre on 0345 603 7631.

The Order will come into effect on 5th July 2018 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

Schedule

Location Description Extents

A414 Middle section, Approx 190m South of Second Avenue RAB to approximately 340m North A414 Southern Town Boundary and Harlow Mill RAB

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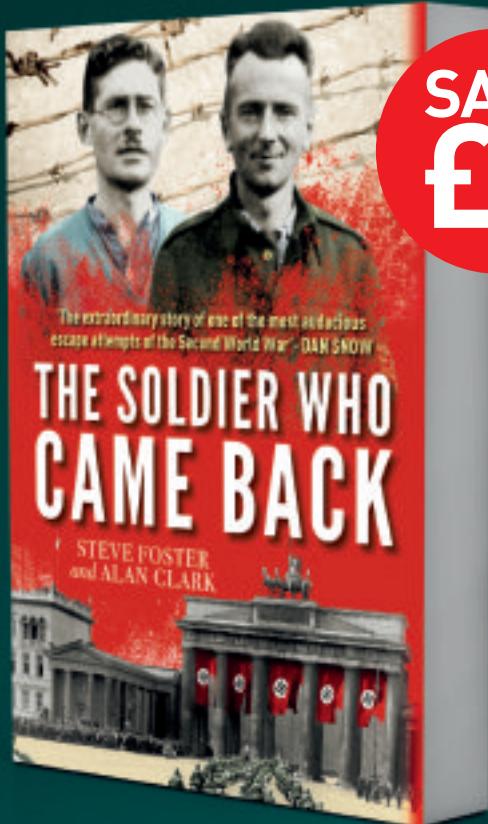
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Silver service from young lad Pattison

HARLOW'S Ralph Pattison did himself proud as his first appearance at a national event ended with a silver medal.

The 10-year-old was seeded fifth for the U10 boys' singles at the PG Mutual U10-U13 National Championships and he performed brilliantly to make his way through the group and knockout stages to reach the final.

The Harlowbury Primary School pupil had to save match points before beating George Jackson 3-2 (9-11, 11-9, 13-11, 10-12, 14-12) in the last 16, and he went on to beat Isaac Kingham 3-1 in the quarters and second seed Sam Gabriel 3-1 in the semis.

He met top seed Louis Cheung-Turner in the final and though he battled hard, he was beaten 3-0 (11-3, 11-8, 12-10).

Pattison, a member of the BATTs club, said: "I'm feeling every good emotion - happy, excited. This is my first Nationals and I feel like I've done myself proud."

"I didn't think I could get a medal but I hoped so."

"In the first knockout round I was losing but won 3-2 and that gave me more hope."



Ralph Pattison in action at the National Championships

Mixed fortunes ahead of derby

Harlow sides will meet for first time in 25 years

HARLOW Town were unable to get a morale-boosting first win of the season ahead of their first league meeting in almost 25 years at Ash Tree field against neighbours Harlow, as they slumped to a six-wicket defeat at fellow promoted side Leigh-on-Sea.

Winning the toss, Town batted first on a good batting track with opener Dan Baldwin out lbw for just four.

However, this brought Suraj Chauhan to the crease and alongside Scott Alderson, the pair took advantage of any bad balls to put on 111 for the second wicket.

A miscommunication resulted in Alderson (43) being run out, with Chauhan eventually out for 63.

Two more wickets fell quickly

and at 131-5 it was left to skipper Daniel Farmer (39) and first team debutant Jay Lowles (20) to rebuild the innings.

A late flurry of 25 from Eversden saw Town to 264 all out with one over left.

Town knew they would have bowl tightly and field well on a ground which was easy to score on.

Dismissed

Chauhan picked up the early wicket of Stuart Elliott shortly followed by Kevin Sargent to put the hosts 47-2.

Daniel Farmer then dismissed Jac Sexton for a duck and Town were well poised.

However a superb 111 from opener Jon Edwards took the

game away from them as the hosts overhauled the target with under ten overs remaining.

■ THERE were better fortunes for Harlow as they overcame Horndon by five wickets with their batsmen finally finding some form.

Having won the toss Horndon elected to bat. It took a little while for Harlow to make the breakthrough with 60 runs scored when Nicky Baxter caught and bowled opener Tom Stone.

Horndon then lost three quick wickets slumping to 71-4 as Mitch Howe (3-42) and Callum Sykes (3-34) worked their magic.

With the score at 150 spinner Jake Messenger broke the partnership between Jeff West and Connor Hammond.

But Horndon continued to score steadily and a late flurry from tail enders saw them finish on 256-8 from their 50 overs.

Replying Harlow moved Mitch Howe to number two, a decision that reaped rich rewards as he struck 67 from 56 balls, including 13 fours.

Howe was out caught going for another boundary to make it 106-2 but Harlow kept ahead of the run rate.

Ryan Jessey went next for 17, followed by Rehman Ahmed (30) with the score at 165-4.

A 38 for Nicky Baxter from 36 balls steadied the ship and Soulat Ali (50 not out) and Muhammad Naeem (10 not out) saw Harlow to a well deserved win with over six overs to spare.



Scott Alderson made 43 before being run out



Jared Small Photo: ALISON JENKINS

Hawks blow as Small goes

HARLOW Town have been dealt a blow ahead of the new Bostik League campaign with the news that player of the season Jared Small has left the club to sign for Tonbridge Angels.

The winger initially joined the Hawks for the 2014-15 season but left the following summer to sign for newly promoted Brentwood Town, followed by a short stint at Enfield Town.

He rejoined the Hawks for a second spell in October 2015, and he went on to make a total of 184 appearances for Harlow, scoring 23 goals and assisting in 30 more.

"I will forever look back at my time at Harlow with fond memories," said Small, who will be joining up with another former Hawk, Alex Read, at the Angels.

Small swept the board at last season's awards evening, winning the Players', Manager's and Supporters' Player of the Year accolades.

"I'd like to leave on record that I will forever look back at my time at Harlow with fond memories," added Small.

"We celebrated some of the best moments in my football career, most importantly the goal on my return after the birth of daughter."

"I'd like to thank all my friends at Harlow for the tireless support and work behind the scenes."

"Lastly, thank you to the management team for the faith you've put in me over the years. I wish you all the very best for the future."

Sharon got it Wright again

HARLOW Running Club competed in the third round of the East Herts/West Essex Midweek Road Race League on a 10k course at Welwyn Garden City.

The men's and women's teams both finished in fourth place out of six teams and remain in fourth spot overall after three races.

In the women's race Sharon Wright once again led the way for Harlow finishing in third place out of 99 finishers in 43min 10sec. She was followed by: Naralie Pennell 12th, 45:41 (PB); Sandi Rust 14th, 46:15.